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CAN GEN. MIAJA REPEAT MIRACLE OF MADRID?

LATEST REPORTS FROM BARCELONA REVEAL THAT WHILE THE INSURGENTS ARE CLOSING IN ON THE LAST LINE OF DEFENCES, NONE OF FRANCO'S TROOPS HAVE YET ENTERED THE CITY.

All normal business has been suspended, while Franco's bombers are carrying out almost continuous raids, in an effort to demoralise the civil population which is aiding in the preparation of street defences.

General Miaja, who dramatically saved Madrid, has flown to Barcelona, in a last effort to repeat the "miracle" at Barcelona.

DEADLY GRIP

Saragossa, To-day.

A deadly grip on Barcelona has been gained by the Nationalist troops.

While Moroccan Cavalry under General Yague are trying to fight their way into the southern suburbs, troops in the north and the west have approached to within 2½ kilometres of the outer edge of the city.

The suburbs and the race course of Das Corts are within gunrange. Barcelona is cut off from all road and railway communication with Manresa.

ALLEGED AXIS PLAN FOR ACTION IN THE SPRING

London, To-day.

With the fall of Barcelona seriously imminent, Left Wing circles are becoming more and more clamorous in their demands that assistance be rendered to the Spanish Government.

In leading articles, the "Daily Herald" brands Mr. Chamberlain as "a traitor to the cause of peace and democracy" and demands that freedom to deliver war material to Spain should be accorded to British companies.

The paper alleging that Italy has just called 200,000 reserves to the colours, declares that the totalitarian Powers are planning a campaign in the Mediterranean at the time of the German army's advance into Moscow.

International prominence is also

One division of General Yague's corps, just before reaching Barcelona, wheeled off to the left with the object of closing the western end of the cordon around the city.

The Republican retreat is said to have been so precipitate that all bridges were left intact. Ship traffic in and out of Barcelona has been made impossible by batteries (Continued on Page 28)

given to the suggestion that France, for strategical reasons, should occupy Minorca and Spanish Morocco, should Italian volunteers not be withdrawn from Spain following Franco's victory.

NAVAL BASES ALSO

In its leading article, the "Temps" in Paris mentions the possibility of such a "compensation" and the "Daily Express" is prompted to report that, under certain conditions, France would occupy naval bases in Cartagena and Alicante harbours. The "Express" argues that France would have legal ground for occupying Spanish Morocco because it represents part of the territory which is nominally under the sovereignty of the Sultan—Trans-Ocean.

LANDLORD CUT WATER SUPPLY: FINED \$100

Li Shiu-fai, of No. 57, Robinson Road, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, for causing or permitting to be altered a service connected to the waterworks at No. 34, Russell Street, between January 5 and 7.

Mr. A. Cash, of the Water Works Department, said this was the first case under the new Waterworks Ordinance, in which landlords were held responsible for the consumption of water by their tenants.

In the present case, defendant had demanded \$5 a month from

CZECHS TO PROVIDE ARMS FOR GERMANY

Prague, To-day.

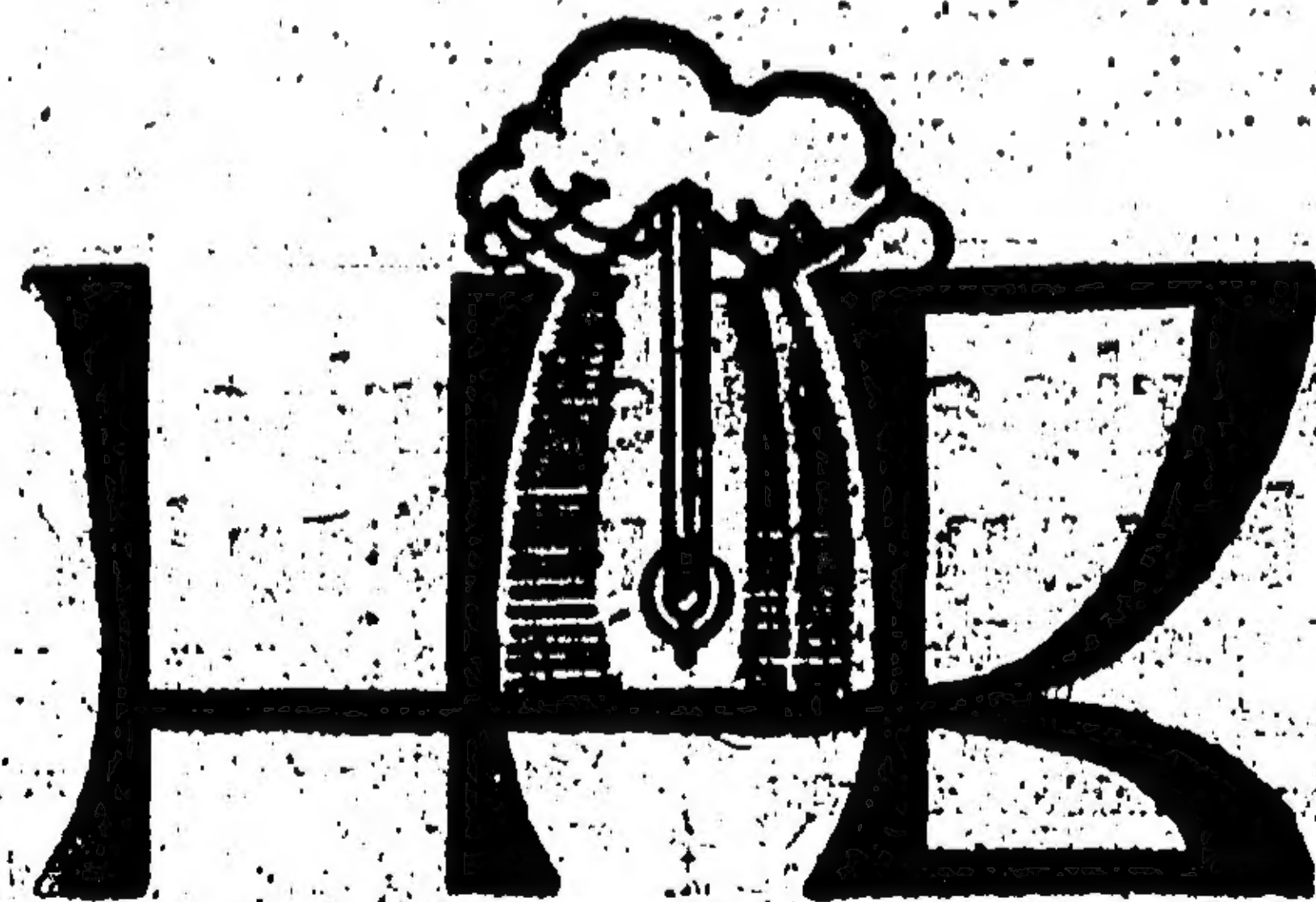
The mission of German military experts has concluded an arrangement by which Czecho-Slovakia will supply Germany with high performance aeroplane engines and aeroplane parts in exchange for lignite from the Sudetenland pits.

It is officially explained that as the Munich Agreement deprived Czecho-Slovakia of practically her entire lignite supplies, drastic measures are now necessary to prevent a serious shortage.—Reuter.

each of the four floors of No. 54 Russell Street.

No payment was forthcoming so he obtained the services of an unauthorised plumber and disconnected the supply from the meter. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY! —

FRANCE URGED TO SEIZE MINORCA AND SPAN. MOROCCO

Imperative For Her To Secure "Compensation"

If Italian Troops Stay In Spain

Paris, To-day.

Much interest has been shown in an article which appeared yesterday in "Le Temps," which is closely connected with the French Government.

The article says that in the event of a definite Nationalist victory in Spain, and if foreign troops still remain in the country, it would be France's imperative duty to ensure for herself a compensatory position.

There were several places which could easily be occupied, such as Minorca and Spanish Morocco.

The latter could be seized with troops from French Morocco in the name of the Sultan, for whom France acts in foreign affairs.

Meanwhile, the former Premier, M. Leon Blum, writing in "Le Populaire," says he regards the internal situation in Germany with anxiety.

M. Blum hints that the situation in Germany and Italy is such that action may be forced upon these countries in the near future.

It is a fatal fault of dictatorships, says M. Blum, that when faced with such internal problems, they are forced to look outside and intensify armaments with the consequent risks of war.—Reuter.

SUGGESTION ROUSES GERMAN CRITICISM

Berlin, To-day.

The suggestions regarding a "preventive occupation" of Minorca and Spanish Morocco as a guarantee against possible Italian encroachments on Spanish territory which have been put forward in the French press are criticised by the "Deutsche Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz" on the ground that such suggestions "ignore the realities and constitute an irresponsible attempt to render the situation more tense."

The "Korrespondenz" considers it incomprehensible that forces should be at work in France with the object of irritating, down to

the very last moment, that section of the Spanish nation which is fighting for the independence of the country.

FRENCH FEARS

"Korrespondenz" complains of French press rumours that Italy intends to keep Majorca and that Germany is developing naval bases in the Canary Islands and goes on to say that apart from a misconception of Spanish mentality involved in such rumours, the latter are contradicted by the repeated declarations of the Axis Powers that they seek no territorial or other advantages in Spain.

On the other hand, the Axis Powers rightly regard the existence of an independent Spain as indispensable bulwark against the spread of Communist influence in the Mediterranean area.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. NEWSPAPER'S PHOTOS SEIZED

Shanghai, To-day.

Photographs belonging to the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury" have been confiscated by Japanese officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The photographs were taken in South China by the newspaper's representative, and were taken from him when he arrived here.

It is learned that the matter has been reported to the American Consulate and that a protest has been prepared.—Our Own Correspondent.

America Disturbed By Events In Spain

Washington, To-day.

Government quarters are showing considerable disquiet regarding the situation in Catalonia.

President Roosevelt stated yesterday afternoon that Government lawyers were investigating to determine whether the United States has the legal power to lift the arms embargo on Spain.

Mass meetings were held last night in New York and Washington urging the President to end the embargo.

Some quarters forecast that Congress may declare the Neutrality Act void within two months.

Apprehension regarding what may follow a Franco victory is expressed in the conservative and liberal press.

For instance, the "Washington Post" says: "The United States may pay a terrific price for aiding Italy and Germany with our embargo. A Fascist Spain will be an ideal home for anti-American propaganda throughout Latin America." — Reuter.



Miss Evelyn Ankers had an attractive crinoline dress as "Old English" in which she appeared at the Chelsea Arts Ball at the Albert Hall on New Year's Eve. Photo shows a novel picture of Miss Evelyn Ankers in her crinoline dress on the staircase of a Chelsea studio during a dress rehearsal for the Ball.

BRITISH GRANT FOR AID OF SPANISH CHILD FUGITIVES

London, To-day.

It is reported that the British Government is making immediate payment of £20,000 to the international commission for assistance of child refugees in Spain as an advance against further contributions. — Reuter.

The payment, adds British Wireless, is an advance in respect of further contribution to the funds of the commission, the amount of which has not yet been specified.

The British Government have already given £20,000 to the funds of the commission which has also received £25,000 from other governments and wheat from the United States to the value of £37,000.

In addition, other governments are understood already to have promised further contributions totalling £85,000, while the United States has also promised to send wheat to the probable value of £60,000 monthly for six months. — British Wireless.

ROYAL SCOTS BACK IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The First Battalion, Royal Scots, arrived at Southampton yesterday aboard the troopship "Neyasa" after nearly a year's service in

SYNTHETIC TYRES FOR CARS

Berlin, To-day.

Motorcars will be equipped with tyres made of German synthetic rubber in the course of the year, declared Herr G. E. von Hanneken, head of the raw materials section of the Four-Year Plan, yesterday.

He asserted that improvements in the manufacturing process made it possible to lower the price and production was being pushed ahead in two large factories. — Reuter.

ITALIAN MOBILISATION STATEMENT

Rome, To-day.

A small number of Italian army specialists have been called up for a period of training, according to semi-official circles.

Official quarters, however, profess complete ignorance at the report that 200,000 reservists had been summoned to the colours. — Reuter.

Palestine.

In Palestine the Royal Scots suffered losses numbering fourteen killed and forty-two wounded. — British Wireless.

GERMAN AIR STRATEGY

Attacking Enemy Trade On The Seas

Paralysing Source Of Strength

Writing in the December issue of the German Admiralty organ, Adml. W. Gladisch, retired Admiral of the German Navy, presents what may be regarded as a semi-official exposition of German naval views on air warfare.

It is well known that those views are influenced by the theories of the Italian Gen. Douhet, a recognised authority on air power, who reorganised the Italian air force.

In effect, Adml. Gladisch rejects the Douhet idea of the air weapon as the one certain decisive factor in future wars.

3,000 JEWISH SHOPS CLOSED IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The liquidation of Jewish retail shops in Berlin has now proceeded so far that it is possible to obtain a general idea of the results of the process.

Apart from small corrections to be expected, the results are as follows:

Of the 3,750 Jewish retail shops registered on August 1st, 1938, only 1,200 were considered "suitable for Aryanisation." Of these 700 passed into German hands, whilst for 500, no purchasers were found.

Therefore 3,050 Jewish shops in Berlin have ceased to exist.—Trans-Ocean.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR MR. CHAMBERLAIN?

Stockholm, To-day.

A group of members of the Swedish Parliament are to propose the British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, as candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize award, according to the paper "Sydsvenska Dagbladet" in Malmö.

By his action in September 1938, they contend, Mr. Chamberlain saved the peace of the world.—Trans-Ocean.

CURTISS-HAWK MAKES 575 MPH IN FREE DIVE

Buffalo (N. Y.), To-day.

All speed records were substantially exceeded by a Curtiss-Hawk pursuit plane yesterday.

The machine made a free dive at over 575 miles an hour, and may even have exceeded 600 miles an hour, as the indicator's range was exceeded, according to the claim of Curtiss officials.

The plane is one of 100 being built for the French Government. The pilot said he felt no ill effects.—Reuter.

His article may therefore indicate a cleavage of opinion in the German high command on the question of general strategy and tactics, since Field-Marshal Goering is stated in well-informed circles to be a whole-hearted convert to the Douhet theory of "totalitarian" air warfare.

Douhet's main thesis is that the air weapon will in itself prove decisive, provided it is sufficiently strong and is employed with the requisite degree of ruthlessness.

The first object of the air arm according to Douhet is to destroy the enemy's air power. This, however, must be accomplished by wrecking his aerodromes, factories and every other establishment that contributes to air strength.

ARMY ON DEFENSIVE

He considers it a waste of energy and time to search for hostile aircraft in the sky. The enemy's industrial and transport systems must be subjected to methodical mass attacks. While this violent air offensive is being waged, the sister services should remain on the defensive, the Army contenting itself with protecting the frontiers and the Navy the coast-line.

This conception of air strategy is believed to be shared by the German Air Staff, but Adml. Gladisch makes it clear that the German naval authorities do not accept it so readily.

"There are," he writes, "grounds for doubt whether the air arm alone could force a decision in war. The Douhet theory is therefore too dogmatic."

He quotes with approval a French critic who has pointed out that the theory makes no provision for a reversal of strategic policy should the air offensive fail.

ATTACKS ON HARBOURS

At the same time he stresses the value of the air arm as a means of attacking enemy trade at sea, especially in narrow waters and on the crowded traffic lanes leading to commercial ports.

"Naval and air power would possibly be used less against military objectives than the enemy's sources of strength, that is, his economic system. The air arm may succeed in paralysing those sources by destroying harbours, dockyards, arsenals and fuel depots."

"In this offensive the navy might co-operate by sinking the enemy's oil tankers at sea, possibly on such a scale as would immobilise his own air forces through lack of fuel."

Writing of aircraft as destroyers of seaborne trade, in which role



Lee skating stars Miss Daphne Walker with Mr. Ian Currie played tennis on the ice at Wembley in a doubles with Miss Pamela Stephany and Graham Sharp. Miss Megan Taylor, the world champion, was umpire. Photo shows—Left to right: Ian Currie, Daphne Walker, Megan Taylor, Pamela Stephany and Graham Sharp.

LIBERALS LEARN OF THE ROME TALKS

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Opposition, and Lord Crewe, Liberal leader in the Lords, called at the Foreign Office yesterday and saw Lord Halifax who, it is understood, gave them an account of the conversations which he and the Prime Minister had in Rome.

Last night the Prime Minister saw the Labour Opposition leaders.

It is generally assumed in Parliamentary circles that foreign affairs will be the subject of an early debate in the Commons after the House reassembles on January 31.—British Wireless.

GERMAN-POLISH AGREEMENT ON THE UNWANTED

Berlin, To-day.

A Polish-German accord regarding the question of 10,000 Polish Jews who were suddenly expelled from Germany at the end of October, was signed last evening.—Reuter.

Warsaw, To-day.

Germany and Poland have decided to cease, for the time being, to expel undesirable elements from their frontier zones.

Following negotiations which took place in Berlin, it was agreed yesterday to let the whole matter rest in abeyance.

Persons who have received notice to leave or who have already left, may have their cases brought up for re-examination.—Trans-Ocean.

they would, he thinks, be very effective, he says: "Such a campaign could be conducted without infringing international law, since, as soon as the enemy was compelled to adopt the convoy system, merchant shipping would become a legitimate object for attack."

HORE-BELISHA FIRES BREN GUN AT ENFIELD

London, To-day.

The Secretary for War visited the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield yesterday and fired 30 rounds from a Bren gun at a 200 yards target.

He declared that production was now on a wartime scale.

The gun is composed of 172 parts and passes through 3,174 operations in which 4,897 gauges are employed.

Plant for production of the Bren gun was installed at Enfield in 1936, and deliveries began in September, 1937.

A total of 5,400 employees at Enfield are engaged, in addition to the manufacture of machine guns, on production of revolvers and repair of rifles and machine guns.—British Wireless.

BUDGET DEFICIT NARROWING

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £600,395,417 against £590,080,539 a year ago.

Total expenditure less, self-balancing items is £786,900,541, against £699,123,390 at the corresponding date in 1938.—British Wireless

MONTE CARLO RALLY ENDS IN A TIE

London, To-day.

For the first time in history, the famous Monte Carlo Rally ended yesterday in a draw.

First two home were French teams, driving a Delahaye and a Hotchkiss, respectively.

Most successful British car was an S.S. Jaguar, which came in tenth, though a British competitor, driving a Ford, was placed ninth.

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EXAMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT PREMISES BY DR. L. D. PRINGLE AND DR. H. T. BEE AND FOUND TO BE WITH CHILD, A 22-YEAR-OLD CHINESE MOTHER, LAU SHUK-HING, WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, FOR THE MURDER OF HER 18-MONTH-OLD BABY DAUGHTER.

"There is only one sentence which I am empowered to pass on you and that is that you be confined to imprisonment with such labour as you are fit for, for a term as long as your natural life."

"I will support the jury's strong recommendation to mercy and you may rest assured that the sentence which you will serve will be considerably less than that which I have formally passed on you," remarked the Chief Justice to the prisoner.

In the witness-box this morning, accused stated that she had formerly studied at the Yeung Chung Girls' College. She married when she was eighteen and was taken by her husband to Kongmoon, where her mother-in-law was in charge of the household. Her husband returned to Hong Kong and sent money to his mother. Accused was given \$2 monthly but was content with this amount.

HUSBAND SUPPORTED ALL

In 1937, she gave birth to a daughter when living in Square Street. In November last she moved to Kowloon and stayed with her mother-in-law and sisters-in-law at No. 5 Shantung Street. Her husband supported all of them.

On December 7 at about 7 a.m. when her husband came home, she asked him for \$5 to redeem a pair of earrings which she had pawned for household expenses. He gave her one dollar but she refused it as it was not sufficient. He replied "No more, if you don't want it, leave it."

Accused continued, "I insisted and my mother-in-law came into my cubicle and scolded me, saying that since he had come home from work, why bother him about money and to let him sleep. I told her that the matter concerned me and asked her to mind her own business. She replied that it did concern her as he was her son. She then left and went and cried on the bed, saying she had better move."

"My husband suggested that she move and said he would pay her her maintenance."

THINKING IN BED

While she was lying thinking in bed that morning she thought of the hardship of living as her husband would now have to support two families when her mother-in-law moved. She decided to visit her mother in Hong Kong and on her way she got a coolie to buy her \$1 worth of opium.

After seeing her mother, she returned home and that evening, while her sister-in-law was sleeping in her cubicle, she mixed the opium with boiling water and drank it. At that moment, she heard her baby cry and thinking that the baby would suffer a lot

**JAPANESE
BOMBER
CRASHES**

Tungkwai, To-day.

A Japanese bomber crashed in flames near Tichmen station between Sin-an and Shengchi on the Lunghai Railway in Honan yesterday afternoon presumably owing to engine trouble. The two Japanese airmen were killed.—Central News.

when she was dead, as it would not go to anyone else but her, she gave the baby what remained of the opium to drink.

"Since she was part of me, I thought I would die with her so I gave her two spoonful of the opium."

Accused said she was in a very sad state of mind but had no intention of killing her daughter. She had no idea of how much opium she had obtained for the dollar.

HER WISH

After midnight she began vomiting and her sister-in-law awakened. Accused asked her to take the baby to hospital to save her life, and refused to go herself.

Cross-examined by Mr. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, accused said that she knew the opium was sufficient to cause death, and that she gave the baby the opium because she did not want to leave her behind as the baby would suffer.

She wanted the baby to die with her and that was her wish.

Addressing the jury, Mr. T. F. Lo, counsel for the defence, pleaded that the jury give the case compassionate and merciful consideration. He said that the act was on an irresistible and emotionable impulse.

The Chief Justice, summing-up, told that jury that what they mainly had to decide was whether the death of the child was caused by the voluntary act of the prisoner, and if so, was that act intentional.

The jury retired for about 10 minutes and returned a verdict of guilty with a strong recommendation for mercy.

Accused was then taken from the dock and medically examined.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has diminished very considerably in intensity and now exists as a ridge of moderately high pressure extending from the upper Yangtze Valley to south Japan.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

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Puppet Council Achieves No Open Success

Peiping, To-day.

The united council of puppet "governments" concluded yesterday without any startling decisions as far as the published proceedings go. It was decided to establish offices and appoint representatives to Japan and Manchukuo, and also study the monetary position with a view to establishment of a fixed monetary system in Central and North China.

This is taken to indicate that there will be an attempt to establish Federal Reserve currency as the sole monetary issue in the Shanghai-Nanking area as well as North China.

The council issued a statement upholding Prince Konoye's terms of December 22, stating that it was in complete agreement with them and denouncing the supporters of General Chiang Kai-shek as public enemies of the country.

If any decisions were reached regarding tariffs or a new "central government," they are being kept a close secret.—Reuter.

LONDON-CAPE ROAD RECORD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

TWO BRITISH MOTORISTS WHO ARRIVED IN CAPE TOWN YESTERDAY BROKE BY EIGHT DAYS THE LONDON-CAPE-TOWN RECORD FOR MOTOR-CARS.

They were Mr. H. E. Symons and Capt. H. B. Browning, who drove an 18/85-H.P. Wolseley, fitted with special tanks, food lockers and bed-seats, over the 4,000 mile trip by road.

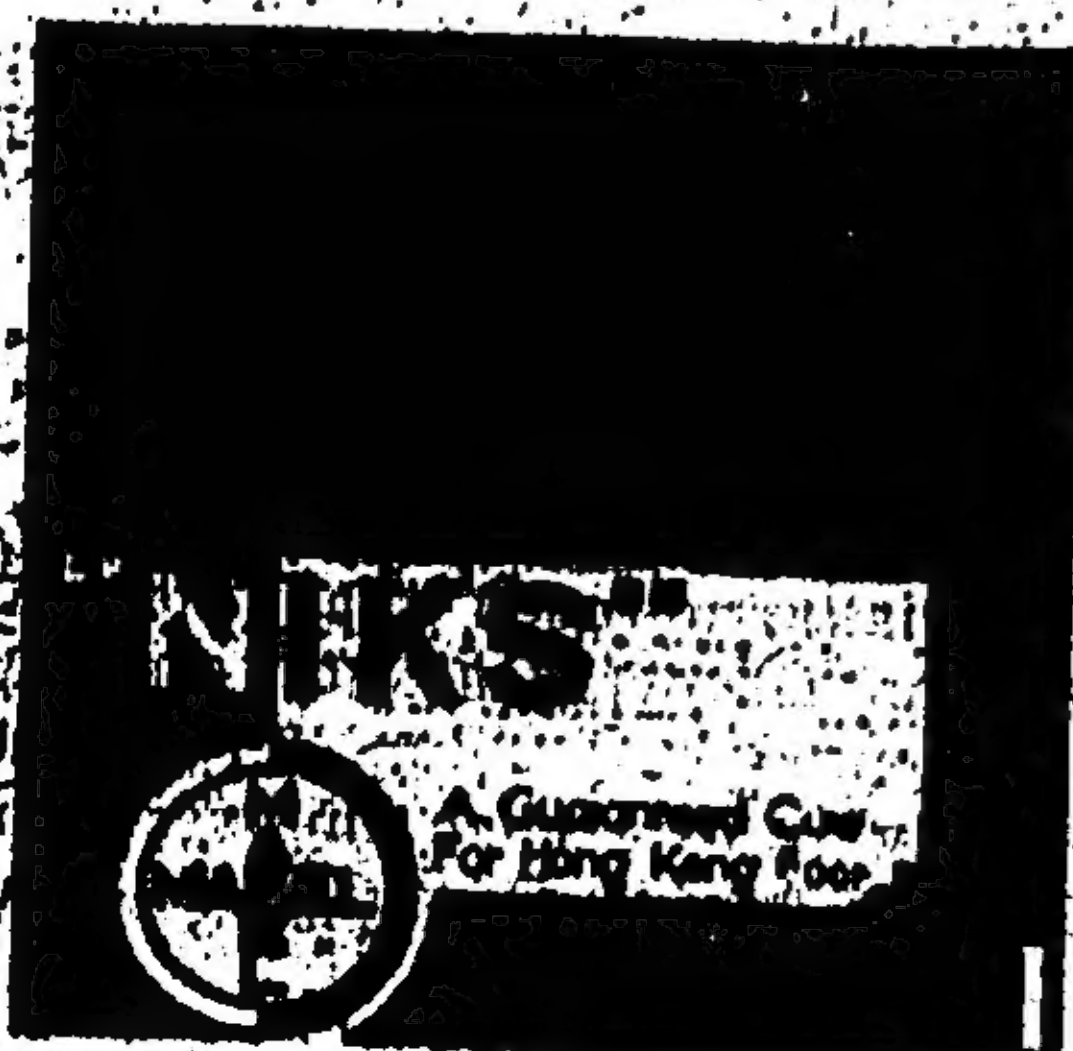
The route lay over the snow-covered roads of France to Marseilles, from Algiers across the Sahara and the equator, and to the Cape via Kenya and Tanganyika.

Their feat was all the more remarkable in that their car sank into a muddy river in the Congo when a crude bridge gave way beneath them.

They also set up a record crossing of the Sahara Desert, covering the 2,260 miles in 3 days, four hours.

K.C.C. DANCE

Bookings for the Kowloon Cricket Club's Dance next Saturday night are very satisfactory, and members are requested to notify, without further delay, the Entertainment Committee of their requirements. The Royal Scots' Dance Orchestra, by kind permission, will again be in attendance, and a jolly evening is assured. Another Dance is being held on February 18.



JAPANESE CARRY OUT MANY BOMBING RAIDS

Chungking, To-day.

Japanese planes rained death and destruction on several towns in Shensi, Honan and Kwangsi yesterday.

Loyang, on the Lunghai Railway, which had been spared raids for sometime, was severely attacked by nine bombers.

The raiders sprayed the town with machine-gun bullets and then began showering the business sections and the southern part of the town with more than 60 explosives.

Over 50 civilians are known to have been killed. The total casualties is, however, believed to be much greater.

Shops and residences wrecked totalled more than 100. Several houses in the compound of a Swedish Church, which was marked by a clear ensign of that country, were also hit by Japanese bombs.

Tungkwang, gateway into Shensi, was raided by seven bombers. The raiders dropped 42 bombs.

MEMEL LEADER WARNS GERMANS TO BE NAZIS

Memel, To-day.

"The new Directorate of Memel Territory confesses itself adherent to National Socialism. That means that this ideology concerns you too," declared the new President of the Memel Directorate, Willy Bertuleit yesterday, when addressing the officials and employees he had called together to receive instructions.

"From now on you will be required to take up a clear attitude towards this question," he continued.

"This does not, of course, mean that those who declare themselves Lithuanians have to adopt National Socialism. But it does mean that the Directorate will under no circumstances permit those who declare themselves adherent to Lithuania to conduct propaganda against National Socialism.

And for officials and employees of German blood this means the obligation to refrain from taking any attitude against National Socialism because, for example, of possible residual liberalist ideas.

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JAPANESE TRYING ON NEW FORM OF CENSORSHIP

Shanghai, To-day.

Photographers and photo studios have been ordered by the Japanese Special Service Corps to submit all photos taken for censorship.

Representatives from the Special Corps visited the studios of known photographers yesterday

MR. HSU DENIES

Mr. Hsu Shi-ying, former Ambassador to Japan, last evening refuted reports stating that he was to be appointed Vice-President of the Executive Yuan.

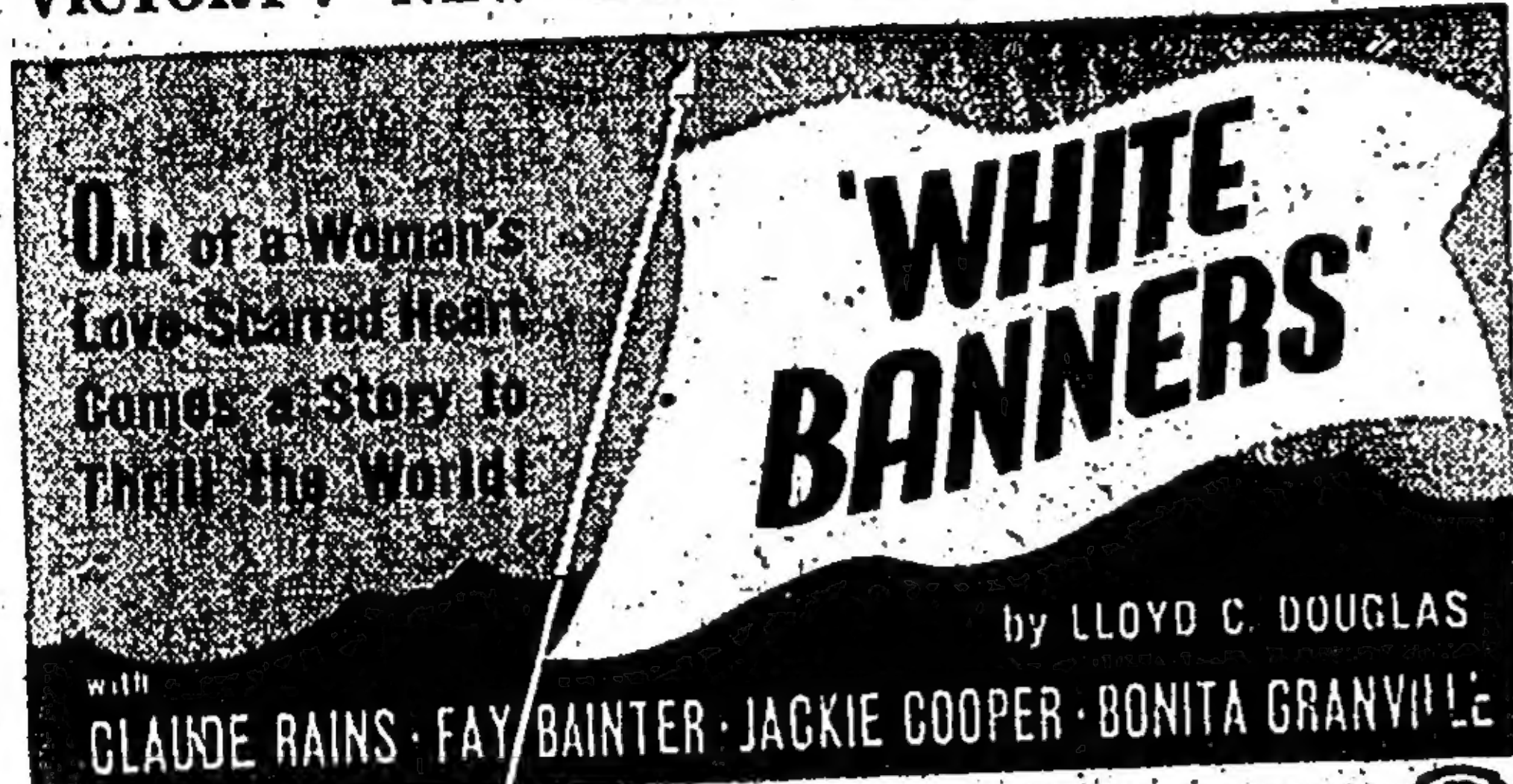
and conveyed the orders to the proprietors.

It is learned that the photographers have refused to comply and have reported the matter to the S.M.P. — Our Own Correspondent.

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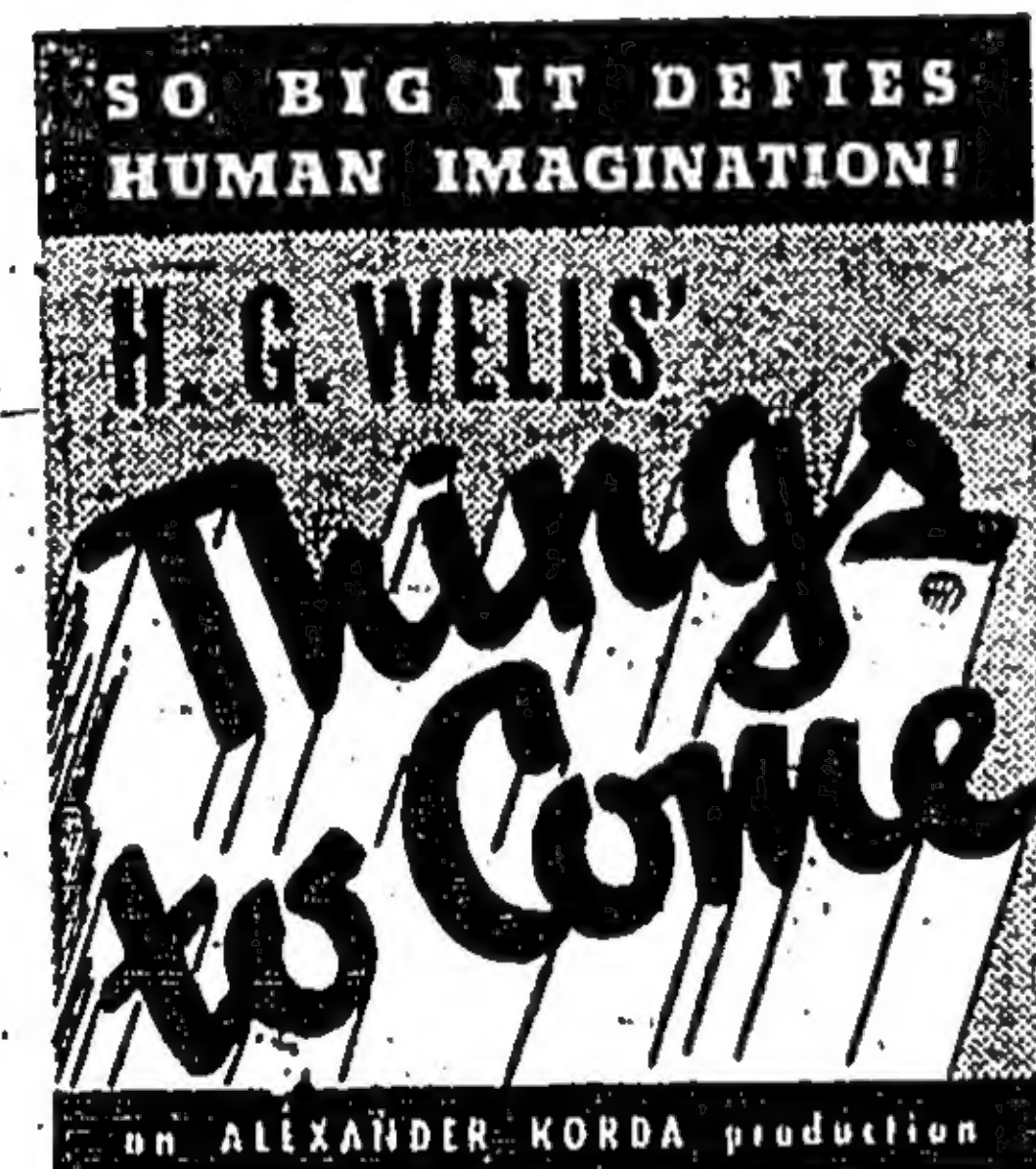
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FRANCO AND REICH CONCLUDE CULTURAL PACT

Burgos, To-day.

A cultural agreement was signed yesterday, between Germany and Nationalist Spain at Burgos by General Count Jordana and the German Ambassador to Burgos, Eberhard von Stohrer.

The agreement is on the same lines as the cultural agreements signed last year between Germany and Italy and Japan.

The preamble states that Hitler and Franco wish to deepen friendship between Germany and Nationalist Spain by developing cultural rela-

COUNT WELCZECH AT QUAI D'ORSAY

Paris, To-day.

The German Ambassador, Count Welczech, conferred with M. Bonnet yesterday afternoon, the topic discussed being Spain.

M. Bonnet had received a visit earlier from Senor del Vayo. — Trans-Ocean.

The agreement in 22 paragraphs and deals with theatre, music, film, broadcasting, makes arrangements for exchange of university professors and scholars, and provides for German schools in Spain after the German teaching system. — Trans-Ocean.

FEEBLENESS BY BRITAIN AT THIS TIME WILL BRING WAR NEARER

London, To-day.

"Feebleness at the present time on the part of England will only bring war nearer," declared the former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Cranborne, speaking at Weymouth yesterday.

Lord Cranborne declared he saw little sign of response to Mr. Chamberlain's policy of appeasement from either Germany or Italy.

He was not so optimistic as Mr. Chamberlain.

"I think we are in for a year of great anxiety, and possibly a crisis.

"These dictators have tasted blood. They have applied force and have had some success at it. Why should they abandon a policy which seems to have worked so well?

"If we want to preserve the liberties of our country and European civilisation, we shall have to make this country an impregnable fortress at whatever cost." — Reuter.

EUROPEAN WITHOUT FUNDS

A 50-year-old miner, Henry George Evans, was sent to the House of Detention by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with being a vagrant in the Colony.

Det. Sergt. Loughlin said defendant came to the Colony from Canton on January 18. He had some money with him at that time, but had none when detained.

RADIO LICENCE SUMMONS

An aged woman, Lam Mui, residing at No. 15 Lan Kwai Fong, was summoned to-day for possession of a wireless set without a licence.

Inspector Key said the radio set did not belong to defendant; it was registered in her name. The owner of the set was a fellow tenant.

Defendant said that the set was given to her by a friend who had left the Colony for about three months.

Defendant was fined \$10.

RUBBER FACTORY FINED

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, the manager of the Wah Keong Rubber Factory, No. 951, Sham Chun Street, was fined \$50 for allowing 86 female workers to work at 11 p.m. on January 4.

He was also fined \$100 for having partly locked both fire-exits.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on the manager of the Chan Wah Knitting Co., of No. 10, Tung Choi Street, for employing 18 female workers at 9.55 p.m. on the same day.

ALLEGED SALE OF CHILDREN

Two women were alleged to be involved in the sale of a minor, in the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsworth, when Inspector E. G. Post, of S.C.A., prosecuting officer, stated that Lau Ho, 46, a widow, residing at Kowloon City, and Cheung Ki-lin, 40, a married woman, living at No. 80, Sai Kung Road, had, on December 3, attempted to sell Yu Fung Nui, a 3-year-old child. The case was remanded until January 31. Accused were allowed bail of \$250 each.

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, a similar case was brought against a 49-year-old widow, Leung Lin, who, pleaded not guilty to taking part in a transaction for sale of a 3-year-old girl.

In this case, the child was said to have been left in her care temporarily by the father on January 18 when he had to go to work and the mother was away.

Three days after, the mother returned and was told that the child was at accused's home in Tai Kok Tsui. She found her daughter had been sold.

This morning, the widow accused the child's parents of having had knowledge of the selling.

After evidence by the parents she was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

MEGAN TAYLOR LEADING

London, To-day.

The women's European championship competition in figure-skating which began at Earls Court yesterday, saw three English skaters in the lead at the end of the compulsory figures.

The world champion, Megan Taylor, led with 1,090.2 points, closely followed by the European champion, Cecilia Colledge, with 1,088.1 points.

Third place was held by an English girl, Daphne Walker with 1,085.6 points, while Hanne Niernberger was fourth with 1,085.6 points. — Trans-Ocean.

CONSUL DISMISSED

It is announced that the Paraguayan Government has dismissed its Consul in Berlin, "for illegally supplying to Jewish emigrants permits to enter Paraguay." — Trans-Ocean.

Civilian Defence Army Of 2,000,000 To Be Enrolled

DETAILS OF SERVICE IN NEW HANDBOOK

London, To-day.

The first enrolment list for voluntary service officially issued last evening with the handbook for voluntary service, envisages a Civilian Defence Army, 1,200,000 strong and a reserve of 600,000 men.

The reserved schedule comprises between six and seven million men between the ages of 18 and 64, of whom less than half, namely, about three million men, are above the age of 45.

The difference between the entire number to be enrolled and the new recruits envisaged in the appeal just launched is explained by the fact that some part of the volunteers in question have already joined the scheme in one way or other.

The plan contemplates as its main aims, the filling up of the gaps existing in the military or civil defence forces, protection of vital industries and public works in time of war and the prevention of the recruitment of such persons whose retention in industry is of importance in the interests of economic activity.

The handbook contains in the fly leaf an autographed facsimile of the appeal of the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to enlist for Voluntary National Service.

The appeal states that it is the wish of all Englishmen to live at peace with their neighbours. But in order to assure peace it is necessary to be strong. The country needs the service of every individual and assumes that everyone will be eager to do his share.

The handbook it is stated is issued to show the way. Everyone is asked to read it through carefully and then to decide in what way each can best help.

The Minister for Civil Defence, Sir John Anderson, contributes a preface. Thereupon follows a lucid table of contents together with directions for using the book. The book is, broadly speaking, divided into two parts, namely, the first part for such persons as have had no particular preliminary training in time of peace and the second part for such as have undergone some kind of training. With each copy of the book is found an entry form.

From the contents, it is evident that already 202 committees for voluntary service have been formed, of which 107 are in cities and municipalities and 95 in counties. In the administrative district of Greater London, the Lord Mayor has been appointed Chairman of the local committee.

Individual committees do not function as recruiting authorities but it lies within the scope of their activities to support the recruiting by propaganda.

All superior authorities are amalgamated into a central co-ordinating committee. The Ministry of Labour will, as well, organise a central office for persons of both sexes whose professional scientific or technical qualifications equips them to discharge special tasks. This office will work together with the universities, professional and scientific bodies.

For individual branches of service, rates of remuneration have been fixed. The handbook also states that the Police War Reserve will not be treated as Special Constabulary but in an emergency will form a special group under their own commander.—Trans-Ocean.

20,000,000 COPIES

London, To-day.

Full details of how millions of men and women in every part of the Kingdom can help the Government's great voluntary National Service scheme, were published yesterday when distribution began of 20,000,000 copies of the National Service Guide.

Broad objects of the scheme are, Firstly, to fill the vacancies existing in various branches of military and civil defence, and Secondly, to safeguard essential industries and services in wartime and therefore avoid the recruitment of persons who in the public interest should retain their occupations in wartime.

The Prime Minister, a facsimile of whose handwriting is reproduced, opens the handbook with a call to national service.

TO PEACE NOT TO WAR

These sentiments are echoed by Sir John Anderson, the Lord Privy Seal and Minister for Civilian Defence, who in a foreword writes:

"The call is to peace and not to war. We have no thought of aggression; our one wish is to live at peace with all peoples.

"But if this wish is to be fulfilled, we must be up and doing. We must make ourselves strong so that our influence for peace may be real, and we must make ourselves safe

MANCHUKUO CONSULATE IN HAMBURG

Berlin, To-day.

Manchukuo has established a Consulate-General at Hamburg, which will be competent for the entire Reich. — Reuter.

so that others cannot be tempted to thoughts of aggression against us."

TWO FORMS

The Guide contains two application forms in which intending helpers are asked to give particulars of name, age and address, the service they desire to enter, and present occupation and name and address of business or employers.

On this information the Ministry of Labour will decide in what capacity the applicant may enrol or whether his or her services cannot be utilised.

The Guide gives details of A.R.P. work. Building trade workers between the ages of 25 and 50 are required for A.R.P. rescue and demolition parties which will remove casualties from damaged buildings, clear up the debris and keep the streets clear for the fire engines.

WOMEN'S CHOICE

Women are given the choice of a dozen jobs, ranging from air raid warden to nurses.

It is stated that the Government's plan for evacuation of children to safer areas would make an unprecedented call on women's services. In the event of war a uniformed women's land army would be organised ready to do farm work in any part of the country.

Firstly about 1,500 women are wanted to replace men in naval establishments on secretarial and clerical work.

Special arrangements are being made to register doctors willing to join medical services in war.

2,000,000 WANTED

The Ministry of Labour is establishing a bureau to employ men and women with professional, scientific and technical qualifications.

Nearly 2,000,000 men will be required, of whom 1,200,000 will be for the first line and 600,000 for the reserves.

Volunteers already number 1,200,000, but there are still many shortages in essential services. — Reuter.

THEFT CHARGE

Leung Wai, 18, office boy, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with stealing \$47 from the China Motor Bus Company.

Defendant, who is employed by the Company, pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

Sergeant MacKay is in charge of the case.

DAILY EXPRESS STILL URGES COMPULSION

London, To-day.

The appeal in the interest of National service, is favourably commented upon by all papers this morning with the exception of the "Daily Express," which demands the introduction of obligatory service.

Taking exception to Mr. Chamberlain's assertion that compulsory service would not be democratic, the paper asks whether France should be struck from the list of the democracies because she has compulsory military service.

The "Daily Mail" suggests that the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Secretary of State for Air, Sir Kingsley Wood and the Minister for Civil Defence, should provide a good example by volunteering themselves.

"The Times" welcomes the support given officially by the Labour Party to the plan.—Trans-Ocean.

END OF SPAIN EMBARGO DEMANDED

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, received last evening a deputation from the National Council of Labour, consisting of Mr. Attlee, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party and Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hugh Dalton, representing the Labour Party, and Mr. J. Hallsworth, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress.

The deputation asked that action should be taken by the Government to remove the embargo on arms to the Spanish Government.—British Wireless.

BIRTHDAY OF EX-KAISER

Amsterdam, To-day.

General Field-Marshal von Mackensen, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel von Luetzow, arrived yesterday morning in full uniform at Doorn for the celebration of the 80th birthday of ex-Emperor William II on January 27.

About 50 old villagers assembled yesterday in front of Doorn House and were greeted by the ex-Emperor and his wife, who gave them parcels and distributed among them a pile of firewood sawn and chopped by the Emperor himself.—Trans-Ocean.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on Chan Kui, of the Yee Sang firm, No. 9 Wing Sing Street, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for giving an unstamped receipt for \$47.60.

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THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER

When Dr. Wade turned away from the telephone his face was grave. Sara, his wife, came into the living-room quickly. She had been standing in the hall, listening.

"Hugh, you can't go! You can't! It's Christmas and the children are all coming home, and oh, it will simply ruin all our plans!"

"Now, now," Dr. Wade said. He slipped off his house jacket and moved around the tree that sparkled with gay ornaments and bright tinsel and strings of popcorn. From the closet he brought his overcoat and overshoes, and his cap with the furlined earlaps. Sara watched him desperately. Once she glanced toward the window. Snow hissed against the glass. Wind howled about the eaves.

"You can't!" she cried. "Oh, Hugh, you're ruining everything! We'd planned the best Christmas ever. The children—it's the first time they've all been home together for years. And—and you shouldn't go out in this storm."

Dr. Wade stood by the door and drew on his gloves and picked up his bag. He looked down at his small wife whose hair was streaked with

heavily. Slowly he became aware of the warmth. Life came back to his muscles. He looked up and smiled.

Young Brad Jones was watching him, wide-eyed, dumb gratitude in his face. Behind him his young wife lay on the bed near the stove, her face white and drawn, biting her lips to keep from crying out.

"Merry Christmas!" Dr. Wade boomed. He flung off his coat and hat. "Come, son, don't stand there gaping. Plenty of hot water now, and some towels. Step lively!"

Dr. Wade had delivered hundreds of babies, but this one was different. It was different because it was Christmas and a storm raged outside, and his children were coming home and he wasn't going to be there to greet them. It was different because he had stopped in Anderson's store and bought some things that brought tears to Mrs. Jones' eyes, and made it impossible for young Brad to speak.

It was late afternoon when Dr. Wade started for home. The storm had abated, but the wind was colder, sharper. Now that it was over the doctor's thought leaped ahead, to his

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

grey, whose eyes were anxious and desperate, but proud and loving. A smile rested lightly on his lips as he waited.

Sara bit her lip and looked away. When she looked back again her eyes held nothing but affectionate reproach. "You—you—" she said, and stood tiptoe and kissed him.

Dr. Wade backed his coupe out of the garage. He was glad that he had taken the precaution to put chains on the night before. With a storm like this the street department would be hours getting the roads clear.

The windshield wiper fought valiantly to keep the small triangular space clear, but the doctor knew it would be a losing fight. He supposed only a fool would attempt to reach Bald Ridge on a day like this. He hadn't dared tell Sara what his destination was. Then she would have taken on.

In the village Dr. Wade stopped and went into Cy Anderson's store to make some purchases. An hour later he stopped the coupe at the foot of the logging road that led up to Bald Ridge. Even with chains it would be impossible to go farther with the coupe. So he produced snowshoes from the rear compartment of the coupe, strapped them on, tied a canvas pack on his back, tucked his kit under one arm and started up the road.

The storm had increased rather than lessened in fury. Frequently—more frequently than he liked to admit—Dr. Wade had to pause to rest, turning his back to the wind. It was annoying to feel that he was getting old. This was work for a younger man. Still, younger men were shying away from country practice these days; and besides they had different ideas.

It was two hours later when Dr. Wade saw the blurred outline of the cabin. Ordinarily this trip would have taken him less than thirty minutes. He knocked and the door opened at once. He stepped inside and leaned against the wall, breathing

own home and his own children. He was sorry he hadn't been there to greet them. He and Sara had planned so many surprises. Bless Sara. Without Sara how could he have gone on all these years?

The coupe was snowed under. It took half an hour of digging with the snow shoes before he could get started. Once he was stalled and had to back up and plough through a heavy drift. Then, with headlights cleaving a white path through the night, he came upon the town snow-plough. Passing, he leaned out and called a cheery "Merry Christmas," and received a gay reply. Behind the plough the road was open.

Sara met him at the door. She helped him off with his coat and brought his slippers from before the fire. Her eyes were shining.

"The children didn't get here. The storm held up the train. They just phoned from the station. They'll be here any minute, and we'll both be on hand to greet them. Oh, it's going to be the best Christmas ever!"

Dr. Wade smiled and thought of the expressions on the faces of young Brad Jones and his wife. "Yes," he said, "the best Christmas ever." And his chin fell forward on his chest and he slept.

Sara looked at him. "Oh, you—you—" she said lovingly and tiptoed out of the room.

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Daladier Facing Defeat On Policy Concerning Spain

Demand For Resignation Of M. Bonnet

Left Wing Seek To Force The Issue

Paris, To-day.

The aim of Left Wing Deputies in intervening in the Chamber debate yesterday seems to have been to bring about sharper cleavage between the "Moderate" group and those favouring intervention in Spain.

Rumours that M. Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, plans to send a representative of France to Burgos keeps circulating in one form or the other in the lobbies.

It is believed that the Leftists are bent on forcing an issue so as to place the French Government, when it comes to taking the vote at the conclusion of the debate on foreign affairs, in the position of having to choose between a Parliamentary majority which would work out as a moral victory in favour of intervention in Spain or Parliamentary defeat. It would appear to be beyond doubt that the majority of the Deputies will vote for the French Government if assurances are forthcoming that no definite steps will be taken, for the time being, to set up diplomatic relations between France and National Spain.

ASSURANCE DEMANDED

The Social Democrats are seeking such an assurance from M. Daladier. They are distrustful of M. Bonnet whom they regard as the representative of big financial circles in France. For this reason it may happen that M. Daladier will be obliged to ask M. Bonnet to resign to assure himself of a Parliamentary victory.

M. Grumbach, in the Chamber, attacked the Franco-German declaration of December 6 and demanded that the French Government should resume its policy of seeking alliances in Eastern Europe.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE OATH

Rome, To-day.

An oath taken by several hundred Italian air pilots belonging to the so-called "Air Squadrons of Sacrifice" during the critical period of sanctions and the Anglo-Italian tension in the Mediterranean occasioned by the Abyssinian war, was revealed yesterday in course of a broadcast lecture by the Under-Secretary of State in the Air Ministry, General Valle.

The oath read as follows:

"Duce, I will sacrifice my life for the Fascist Fatherland in order that my airplane may carry torpedoes or bombs destined for the enemy ships. I swear to stake my life in fulfilment of my mission." —Trans-Ocean.

POLICE FIND IN LONDON

London, To-day.
It is revealed that in the course of police raids in connection with the recent I.R.A. outrages, 300 rounds of revolver ammunition were found in a house in Tavistock Square, while two tons of explosives, with alarm clock devices were found in Liverpool.

H.K.N.V.F. OFFICER WEDS AT PEAK CHURCH

A brilliant society wedding was solemnised at the Peak Church this afternoon when Mr. Ronald Robert Wilson Ashby, an Hon. A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, was married to Miss Doreen Patricia Hughes.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hughes of Norfolk Place, London, was given away by Mr. R. K. Valentine, of Dodwell's.

The Rev. Cyril Brown conducted the service.

The bride wore a charming model in white bridal satin, with pearl trimming. Her bouquet was of arum lilies.

Miss P. A. M. Harrop, in a smart frock of blue satin, was maid of honour.

The bridegroom who is connected with Dodwell's is a lieutenant in the Naval Volunteer Force, and was attended by Mr. Brian Melton Bateman as best man.

The reception is being held at No. 273, The Peak, the residence of Mr. Valentine.

Captain H. S. Batty-Smith represented H.E. the Governor.

GIRL ARRESTED

Following a report by a widow, Lau Fuk-chung, of No. 167, Sai Yeung-choi Street, who lost \$200 from her address on Saturday, the police arrested a fellow-tenant, the 20-year-old girl, Chan Lan.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, the girl who admitted the offence, was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour.

BOY SAID TO HAVE BEEN "CAT" FOR BURGLAR

Suen Shiu, 21, and a juvenile were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, with burglary at No. 92 Third Street, first floor.

Inspector Mair, who prosecuted, said that complainant Ip Cheong, a driver, had reported a larceny of \$31.80 and \$1.70 in taxi fare coupons, from his house on December 26.

A lorry driver showed some taxi coupons to complainant yesterday, and asked him they were still valid. On looking at the back, complainant saw his own handwriting in it.

The lorry driver then led him to first defendant who admitted the theft.

The boy climbed up a drain pipe and opened the verandah door to let him into the house.

Second defendant was remanded to the juvenile Court. The case was adjourned.

SIXPENNY BOOK SOLD FOR £2,000

London, January 13.

Walking round the Caledonian Market, Miss Christina Foyle, of the famous book firm, was attracted by an old book.

She had a "hunch" that it was valuable and bought it for sixpence. She was right—it was a first edition of "Omar Khayyam," which was later sold for £2,000.

"It was one of those 'finds' that booksellers dream about," she told members of the Modern Girl Club in London yesterday.

Jew Bought 'Mein Kampf'

The other day, she said, she came across a first edition of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" in a consignment of books from abroad.

"We sold it for £60—to an English Jew," she added.

Speaking of "best sellers," she said that Mr. George Bernard Shaw was the only book millionaire of the present time.

His nearest rivals were A. J. Cronin—and one of the joint authors of a well-known text book on algebra.

HUNGARY TO DROP CLAIMS ON YUGOSLAVIA

Budapest, To-day.

Reports of a forthcoming visit to Belgrade of the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czaky, to put the seal on a new Hungaro-Yugoslavian agreement, prepared during the visit to Belje of Count Ciano, were not denied yesterday.

Starting from the fact that the Hungarian minority in Yugoslavia, numbering 600,000, will remain a compact block, it is stated that the Hungarian and Yugoslavian Governments will agree upon a new status for this minority.

Self-administration in municipalities where Hungarians are in a clear majority will be granted, and the language in schools of overwhelming Hungarian children will be Hungarian. A sufficient number of high schools and colleges with teaching in Hungarian will be provided, and the import of machinery for the use of the Hungarian minority from Hungary will be permitted.

This agreement presupposes that Hungary drops her territorial revision claims as far as Yugoslavia is concerned. Official circles here point out, however, that this did not mean that Hungary would drop her revision claim against Rumania. —Trans-Ocean.

NETHERLANDS FEEL RAID ON GULDEN

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Nederlandsche Bank was obliged yesterday, for the first time, to intervene on the exchange market in favour of the Guilder.

The dollar-rate rose yesterday morning to 186 whereupon the Nederlandsche Bank began selling dollars at 185.9/16. This rate is, accordingly, to be regarded as the maximum guilder rate for the moment. The demand for dollars continues, however.

This is believed to be due to the moment of the capital of the Jewish people residing temporarily in Holland and by degrees leaving for other parts of the world.

A flight of capital is also observable in other branches of business. —Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN WORKERS' FRONT IN ENGLAND

England has a branch of the German Workers' Front, extensively organised and compelling every German in this country to belong to it, according to an M.P.

He is Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Liberal member for Wolverhampton East.

He is asking the Home Secretary in the House if he will take steps to deport the persons responsible.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PROBLEM

Political quarters are beginning to enquire into the special significance of Mr. Chamberlain's failure up to now to make his decision on the revolt of the junior Ministers, much speculation having been aroused by the conferences in Downing Street on Monday, on the Premier's return from Chequers.

What justification Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, and his friends may have for saying that Mr. Hore-Belisha has done nothing adequate to close those gaps in the defences that the crisis disclosed is not known, but it is a little unfortunate that the public will probably have to be content with this ex parte statement made from the side of Mr. Hore-Belisha's critics. It is unfortunate, too, for Mr. Hore-Belisha, who can make no public reply. And it is not to be overlooked that Mr. Hore-Belisha has his supporters, many of them, who think he has done great things amid great difficulties.

One of the most astonishing things about this very remarkable affair is that Mr. Hore-Belisha's Under Secretary, Lord Strathcona, has joined his chief's critics. Whether Mr. Hore-Belisha remains at the War Office or not, Lord Strathcona can hardly continue to serve under him.

It seems unlikely that Mr. Chamberlain can long delay dealing with the revolt.

Deal with it soon he must, because it has produced an impos-

sible position within the Government itself. Mr. Hore-Belisha cannot be happy lying under such charges as the Under Secretaries have made, and the Under Secretaries cannot be happy living and working with colleagues some of whom consider them to have been disloyal.

Clearly the Premier must pronounce judgment between the two as soon as he can if only in the interests of efficiency in government. Mr. Hudson stands to his guns. He firmly believes on the information he has that Mr. Hore-Belisha has forfeited confidence in his administration of the War Office. Lord Strathcona, Mr. Hore-Belisha's Under Secretary, who shares Mr. Hudson's view, remains at his post, which cannot be comfortable. Lord Dufferin and Ava, the Under Secretary for the Colonies, the third of Mr. Hore-Belisha's critics, also will not resign. Mr. Chamberlain is thus forced to resolve the conflict one way or the other. There is just one condition, however, on which he might escape this necessity. Having failed in Rome the outlook in Europe may seem so forbidding that Mr. Chamberlain may re-form his Government, broaden its base, bring back Mr. Eden, and redistribute many posts. That at least is the evolution of the matter as some well-informed people see it.

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The Only Defence

No formal denial has been forthcoming of the announcement that the British Government is bringing a £3,000,000 loan to the support of China's currency, and it may be assumed, with some confidence, that the matter is under earnest consideration. Something of the kind is essential in order to make it clear to Japan that the recent British Note was no formality and that threats of "counter-measures" if Britain and America rally in support of their vital interests in China do not unduly impress.

It has been stated plainly that if Japan persists in discriminating against foreign trade in China — and she is daily increasing the scale of discrimination — Britain and the United States are prepared to retaliate. They may do this in two ways: by aiding China with further loans or credits and by discriminating against Japanese trade. In fact, the two methods would have the same result, for it is impossible to help China without hindering Japan or to restrict Japan's trade without helping China. Discrimination against Japanese trade, however, which is one half of economic sanctions, would be both a more serious and more effective weapon. It is only to be expected that Japan will react strongly against these measures, but it is doubtful whether she can do more than she is already doing. As it is, Britain, which has so far done far too little for China, is assailed in the Japanese press as the "real enemy", and "the Power behind China," and since we are already condemned it can make little difference whether we are innocent or guilty of the charges. The best hope for foreign interests in China and for China herself lies in firm and united action by Britain and the United States.

BARCELONA NOW UNDER DIRECT SHELLFIRE

Lerida, To-day.

The Nationalist forces are now within sight of Barcelona and the city is under direct artillery fire.

Manresa has been completely surrounded, and the advance continues with great rapidity on all sectors.

Nationalist troops are now massing all along the west bank of the Llobregat River from Manresa to the coast.

The Nationalist High Command told Reuter yesterday: "The last lines of the enemy defences along the Llobregat River crumpled completely under this morning's advance."

With the capture of Gava, Manresa and Martorell, General Franco holds the line of the Llobregat River from the sea to a point some 35 miles inland.

Manresa is on one of the two railways from Barcelona to the French frontier, and its capture means cutting of the valuable Republican "lifeline."

General Franco's Moroccan forces have crossed Barcelona's aerodrome and have reached a point a mile from Barcelona's suburbs along the coast road.

Batteries are pounding the port. Two thousand prisoners were taken up to midday yesterday.

Nationalist headquarters claim that Barcelona's last line of defence has crumpled irreparably, and thousands of retreating Republicans are reporting to be surrendering.

From Perpignan it is reported that the Diplomatic Corps are withdrawing from Barcelona and Caldetas to Figueras, on the frontier.

TELEPHONE CALL

The British Consul-General, Mr. Rogers, is remaining provisionally in Barcelona as is part of the French Embassy.

A call from Perpignan to Barcelona at 7.30 last night was answered with complete composure.

RETREAT INTO CITY

With Nationalist artillery shelling Barcelona, the Republicans last night were retreating into the Catalan capital, according to Nationalist H.Q.

The Nationalist armies are now nearing the southern and western suburbs, while another force is carrying out an enveloping movement 20 miles north of the city.

The battle for Manresa was one of the fiercest of the whole war, and the defenders had orders to fight to the death.

The Nationalist artillery fired 80 shells a minute.

The fall of Manresa spelt Barcelona's doom, according to Nationalist strategists.

It is reported that President Azana has arrived in Madrid, and if the Republican Government follows suit, the end of Barcelona may be a matter of two days only.

CRUISER LEAVES

A despatch from Toulon says that the French cruiser "Suffren" has left for Barcelona, where it will probably be at the disposal of the French Ambassador.

A cable from Paris says that the Spanish Foreign Minister,

Senor del Vayo, who has been visiting the French capital, has left for Barcelona. — Reuter.

FALL OF MANRESA

Bilbao, To-day.

Manresa fell during the day, state reports received here last night but not yet confirmed. These reports, sent by newspaper correspondents on the Catalan front, assert that the attack on the town was made concentrically so that the Republican troops were left with nothing but the road to Tarrasa that lies midway between Barcelona and Manresa.

Nationalist troops are reported to have made a great number of prisoners and continued to advance immediately.

According to these reports, the Nationalist troops are at the moment in full pursuit of the Republicans who are fleeing towards Tarrasa. — Trans-Ocean.

BARCELONA COMMUNIQUE

Barcelona, To-day.

The heroic resistance of the Republican forces is causing the enemy severe losses, although due to the unusual weight of metal, the Nationalists compelled the Republicans to rectify their positions, it is declared in a bulletin issued by the Ministry of National Defence.

Nationalist planes bombed Barcelona several times yesterday causing a considerable number of casualties among the civilian population. Two French steamers lying on Valencia harbour were damaged by bombs dropped by Nationalist planes. — Trans-Ocean.

MILITARY MISSION LEAVES BARCELONA

Perpignan, To-day.

The international military mission which the League of Nations sent to Barcelona at the request of the Republican Government to supervise the withdrawal of the foreign volunteers, have arrived in Perpignan with all their records. The Commission will continue its work here. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH HOME FLEET AT GIBRALTAR

London, To-day.

The British North Sea fleet, under the leadership of the flagship, H.M.S. Nelson, has arrived in Gibraltar.

According to official statements, the fleet is only there to take part in the usual Spring manoeuvres.

No special significance is to be attached to the appearance of the fleet in Gibraltar.

In naval circles it is, however, pointed out that the fact that both France and England have assembled unusually strong naval forces in the western Mediterranean in the neighbourhood of the Straits of Gibraltar might nevertheless,

"JAPAN FACING DESTRUCTION"

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Swedish archaeologist, Johan Andersson, who worked for many years in China, prophesied yesterday that a military dictatorship would be established in Japan within four months and there would be open revolution within eight months.

He added that Japan was facing destruction if China holds out. — Reuter.

BRITISH WARSHIPS STANDING BY

London, To-day.

The cruiser H.M.S. Devonshire and the destroyer H.M.S. Greyhound are standing by to evacuate Britons from Barcelona.

It is not yet known whether any British subjects or the diplomatic staff have left. — Reuter.

under certain circumstances, have considerable political significance in view of Franco-Italian tension and the fact that the Spanish conflict has now reached a decisive phase. — Trans-Ocean.

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PHILIPPINE LINK WITH U.S. TO STAY FOR 20 YEARS

The report has been approved by President Roosevelt and President Quezon of the Philippines. —Reuter.

London, To-day.

Another British steamer, the "Melrose Abbey," which was moored in a bay near Brest, dragged her anchors in the storm and three tugs were sent out to assist her.

seas. Yesterday a man was washed overboard from the steamship "Langlee Brook" and other ships report that their crews have suffered broken legs and ribs and other injuries.

During the gale, another message reveals, the Imperial Airways flyingboat "Centaurus" was forced down at sea. The passengers and mail are perfectly safe, however, and the craft has come to no harm.

Another amah, Ip Wun-yau, of No. 7, Cameron Road, was bitten while walking in Granville Road.

The memorandum denied that the Lancashire industry was out of date. Given equal conditions it could compete with the world in making goods of quality and cheapness.—Reuter.

Lo Chi-on, of No. 14, Fleming Road, has reported that between 9.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. last night, his car No. 4709, was stolen from outside the National City Bank Building.

London, To-day.

They are understood also to have discussed the present position in the negotiations in Berlin on the Jewish question.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Mr. W. Donald, Master of Arma of the Empress of Asia, has reported that he had been stolen, or lost, a pair of Zeiss binoculars, during the voyage between Hong Kong and Manila.

Wong Shiu-kee, of No. 40, Portland Street, was visited by a burglar who stole \$280 in cash from his residence, at about 4 a.m. yesterday.



MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN ROME.—Mussolini and his Foreign Secretary, Count Ciano, were waiting in Rome's railway station to meet Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax. Photo shows Mr. Neville Chamberlain, accompanied by Signor Mussolini, followed by Lord Halifax and Count Ciano, raising his hat in response to salute and cheers.

News Snack Bar



The King of the Belgians, who is travelling incognito under the name of Count de Rethy, playing golf at Gagnes in the Maritime Alps. (Air Mail).

THIRTEENTH — SEALED

HER FATE

The thirteenth was an unlucky date for Margaret Bole, nineteen, of Donard-street, Belfast. On September 13 a boy knocked her down, and at Belfast Children's Court he was ordered to pay to her 20s. compensation. But she will never receive it. When the case was called it was stated that on December 13 Margaret had been knocked down and killed. The boy gave the 20s. to the girl's father.

The superstition of the Thirteenth is possibly the oldest of all superstitions. Christians declare that its origin is to be found in the Last Supper of Christ and the twelve Apostles, and, in actual fact, it is earlier. Nordic legend places its origin earlier, however, for at a banquet in Valhalla-Loki intruded on the twelve diners and Balder was slain. . . . Paris houses never bear the number . . . Sailing ship men hate leaving port on the thirteenth. . . . Hangmen in olden days got 13d. for each "job."

CABINET POST BY PHONE

Rumania's new Foreign Secretary is Grigore Gafencu, forty-six-year-old Bukarest newspaper owner. He was told of his appointment by phone from the Royal Palace while he was writing a leading article for his newspaper, the *Timpul*.

M.P. TO ASK ABOUT JEWS

"SACKED BY LONDON FIRM"

Sacking of Jews in London is alleged in a question. Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher (Nuneaton) will put in the House of Commons. He will ask the Home Secretary if he has heard that Schenkers, Ltd., a firm of Queen Victoria-street, in the City, has dismissed certain employees on account of their Jewish faith, and "what action he proposes to take to discourage German firms in this country" from acting in such ways.

"FORCE" CAPITAL TO BLACK AREAS

The growth of London and Birmingham must be forcibly restricted. The "light" industries which have been growing up round those two cities "must be forced" into Britain's Black Areas . . .

In that way, and that way alone, will this blight which lies on South Wales, Tyneside, Durham and Cumberland be removed . . .

That is the principal point set out in the report of Sir George Gillett, Commissioner for the Special Areas.

Sir George also recommends that the training courses for unemployed persons over eighteen should be extended to workless boys and girls of sixteen and seventeen.

During last year the number of school camps has been increased greatly. Over 36,000 children attended last summer.

More camps will be provided in 1939.

It is also suggested that they should be used to accommodate some of the 1,000,000 workers who will in 1939 (for the first time) enjoy holidays with pay and will inevitably be unable to find holiday lodgings.

In the event of war the Government would make use of these camps for the evacuation of children.

Up to September 30 actual payments in the Special Areas amounted to £8,500,000. So, however slow the progress, the Black Areas have not been entirely forgotten.

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POLICE GO BRAKE-TESTING

All police patrols in Hampshire now carry a special instrument to test car brakes. This was stated at Eastleigh (Hants) Police Court when the first four motorists whose brakes were found inefficient were fined 10s. each.

Britain getting up-to-date at last? . . . Brake-testing by police has been carried on in Empire countries for years.

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ROAST BADGER FEAST

A feast of roast badger was held in one inn at Ilchester, Somerset, over Christmas—an ancient custom. The badger is roasted whole in front of an open fire, while guests sit round drinking ale from old-fashioned horn cups. Each gets a slice of meat on a piece of bread. Roast badger was at one time regarded as a delicacy.

"CHIEF" OF THE NEVER-NEVER

Black Shetland Isles, in the far north of Scotland, are to have a Chief Constable all to themselves. The isles will not in future have to share their "chief" with another county. This decision of the Secretary of State for Scotland is published in the "Police Review" and has been communicated to the County Council.

The Shetlands comprise about 100 islands, of which twenty-seven are inhabited. Total population is 25,520, of whom 18,000 live on Mainland. Fishing is the chief industry.

M.P. IS ICE CASUALTY

Mr. A. A. Somerville, Conservative M.P. for Windsor, slipped on an icy pavement at Wimbledon and cut his eye. Two stitches were put in.

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MOTHER OF 15 SONS

Signora Ucellini, of Milan, has given birth to fifteen sons in seventeen years. So, dressed in her



provincial costume, she was among Italy's ninety-five most prolific mothers who, with their husbands, were received by Mussolini in the Royal Hall of the Palazzo Venezia in Rome.

ROOSEVELT CALLS

CZECH MINISTER

President Roosevelt invited the Czechoslovak Minister in Washington to a conference. The President's action was interpreted as a gesture of "special friendliness" to the Czechs . . . and another snub to Hitler.

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147 TONS OF MAIL SENT

BY AIR TO EMPIRE

Christmas mail despatched by air to the Empire this year in four weeks has amounted to 147 tons.

Forty tons of first-class mail were carried away from England by the England-South Africa service and 107 tons by the England-India-Australia service.

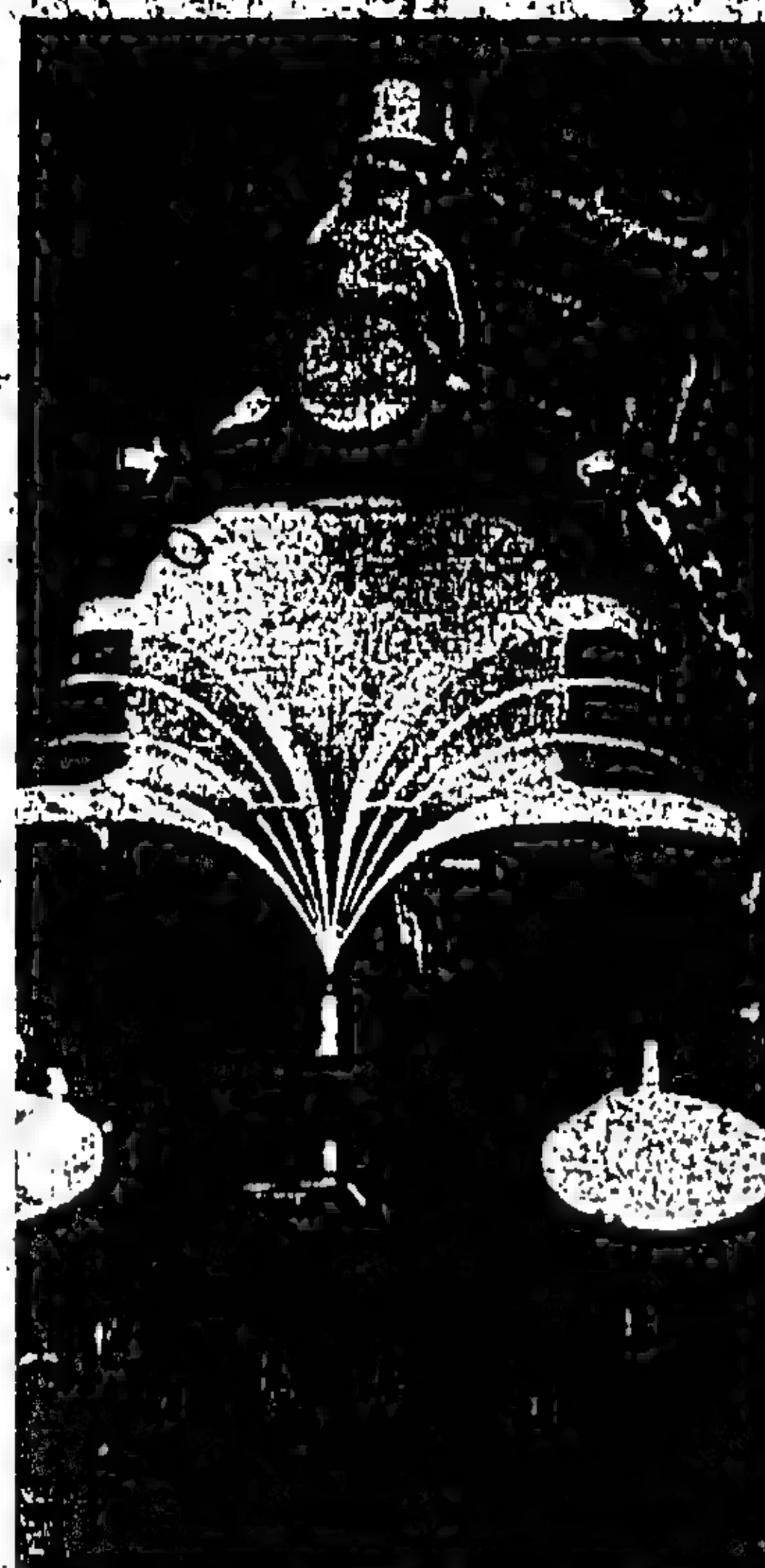
These figures represent over 8,000,000 letters and the totals represent an increase of about 100 per cent. over the load for any normal period of four weeks.

During the same period about fifty-five tons of first-class mail (3,000,000 letters) were brought to England by the Empire air services.

The conveyance of such vast quantities of mail by air over so many thousands of miles is a task incomparably greater than has ever before been thought of anywhere else in the world. . . . And not a letter lost!

TRACKING DOWN CYCLISTS

Chelmsford (Essex) Council intend to adopt a by-law early this year against cyclists who fail to use fish Army on parade, is going to the cycle tracks provided in local recreation grounds.



The newly completed Coronation Scot train which is shortly to make an exhibition tour of 38 American cities and towns before going on show at the New York World's Fair from April 30 to October 31, on view at Euston Station. Photo shows driver Bishop and Fireman Carswell hoisting the bell which will be used on the engine on its American tour.

REFORM FOR CEYLON

Abolition of the existing Committee System in favour of something approaching a "Cabinet system" of government is advocated by Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon. Sir Andrew calls the present system "cumbersome and unsatisfactory."

Measures of self-government were introduced to Ceylon in 1937, but they have had the effect of putting the small European executive in the position of a "permanent Opposition" rather than that of a Government.

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PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in London police courts: Motorist at East Ham: I found it impossible to keep a straight path, and when the constable stopped me my face gave me trouble.

Defendant at Highgate: I know the police are fine fellows, but I cannot say I like being seen with them in uniform.

Witness at Wimbledon: Do I know the defendant? No. He is my brother-in-law.

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HE'S TELLING THEM

Mr. Rhys Davies, M.P., is going to U.S. in January to tell the Americans how this country runs its State insurance scheme, a reform that Americans have long coveted and many soon copy.

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THE KING SEES NEW

UNIFORMS

The King at Buckingham Palace recently inspected the suggested new ceremonial dress for the Army. Unless this attempt at reform is several degrees better than the attempt at new field dress the Bri-year-against cyclists who fail to use fish Army on parade, is going to the cycle tracks provided in local recreation grounds.

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GESTAPO SEARCH FOR MYSTERY R

HUNT FOR SECRET GERMAN TRAINS

London, To-day.

Mystery broadcasts of messages from British Labour leaders to German workers may emanate from one or more secret transmitters hidden in German trains travelling at high speed over long-distance routes.

This was the theory on which Gestapo agents were working last night in their frantic efforts to discover the source of the broadcasts.

Every night the mystery messages have been sent out, beginning at 10 p.m. and giving the "true version" of political events in Europe.

From time to time hundreds of Gestapo agents, equipped with modern receiving sets to locate the "Freedom" transmitter, have driven criss-cross over Germany in a vain search for the secret transmitter.

Yesterday special translations were rushed from the Propaganda Ministry to Gestapo headquarters of British newspaper reports in which Mr. J. Marchbank, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, and Mr. J. Henderson, M.P., a former president of the union, admitted sending messages through the secret radio station to German railway workers.

These broadcasts from British Labour leaders to Germany, it is understood, are likely to be continued and extended.

TRANSMITTER ON A LORRY THEORY

Hitherto Gestapo officials believed that the transmitter of the "German Freedom Party"—as the broadcasters announce themselves—was mounted on a lorry constantly travelling from place to place.

Now they think that it may be mounted on one of the locomotives of a long-distance line.

The broadcasts are frequently supported by pamphlets distributed in thousands through the German post, and the Gestapo has launched a special effort to locate the centre of the organisation responsible, and mainly to capture the secret short-wave transmitter.

Herr Himmler, it is stated, has promised a high reward for information leading to its discovery.

PANDAS MAKE A HIT AT LONDON ZOO

LONDON's Zoo had to choose between bringing back Baby, the Giant Panda, removed from exhibition, or engaging another girl to answer the telephone inquiries about her.

So Baby is coming back, and will be on view indefinitely in her pen in the tea pavilion, from 12 to 3 p.m. each day.

"We have been snowed under with letters of protest," a Zoo official said.

"Every day there were at least 100 telephone calls, and the girl had to get help in answering them.

"People who would not have come to the Zoo in the winter were coming just to see Baby, and bringing their children."

Keeper Gammon allows a few of the children to touch her, as she is so tame.

The other Pandas will be put on exhibition in the Spring.

This looks like being a Panda year. Several companies have started manufacturing Panda toys, and Panda hats are seen in Bond-street.

Bringing Up Father



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RET "STATION" IN



CROSS NURSES IN A.R.P. DEMONSTRATION.—Nurses of the British Red Cross Society don service masks for an A.R.P. demonstration at Peckham. The nurses wore service masks as they tended "patients". Photo shows a woman A.R.P. warden inspecting some of the nurses in their service masks.

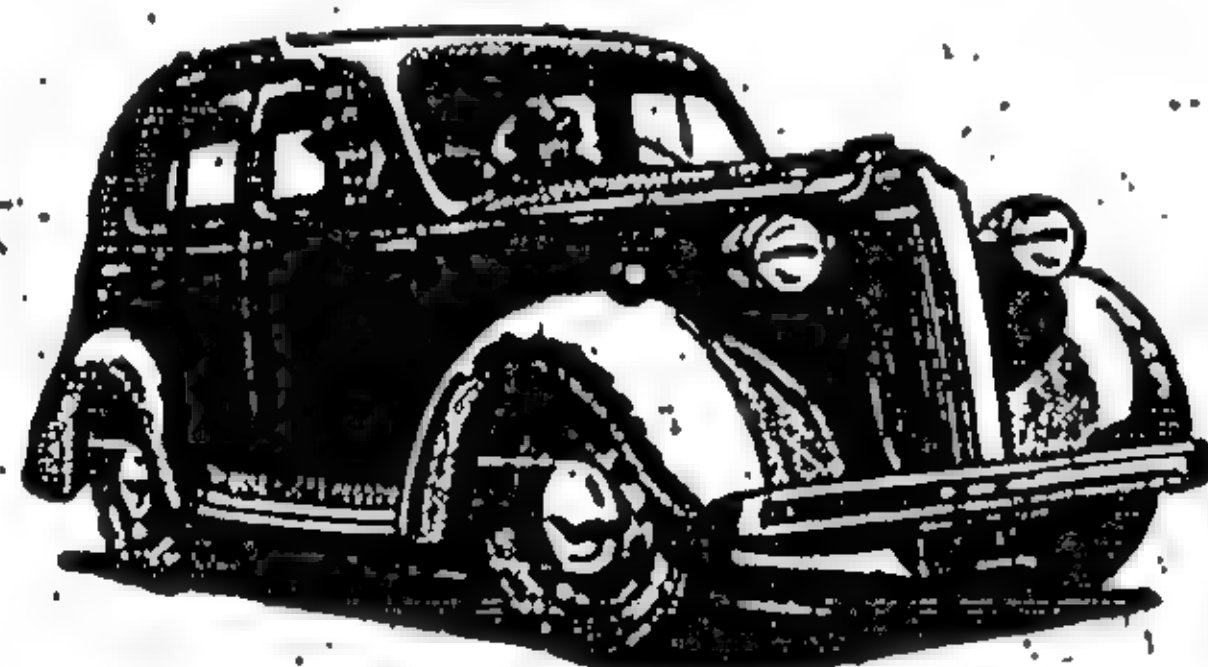
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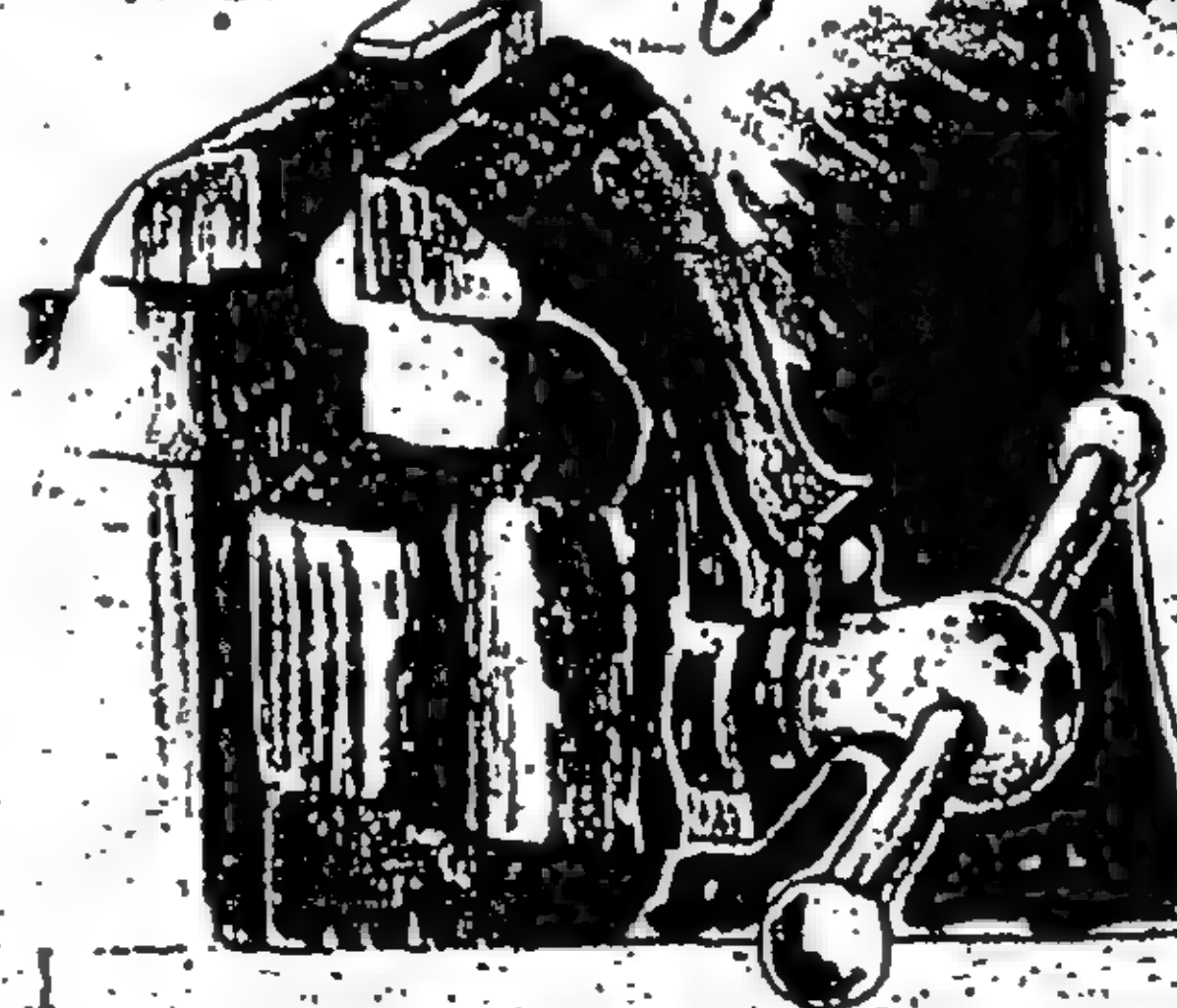
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Preserve Youthful Loveliness

If you could see all the beauty experimenting being done with hair and skin and bodies, as I do, you would very seriously consider what I am writing to-day.

Young girls have a very natural desire to experiment with beauty aids. They like to test different creams and lotions, preparations for the hair, and fad diets. This vanity is not only natural, but it is essential to their well being. But danger lurks in over indulgence and in reckless efforts to make a dramatic change in their beauty.

Take for instance, hair tints and dyes. Although these aids are ex-

cellent for fading hair of older women they are not meant for the girl in her teens or early twenties. Numerous are the daring damsels who bleached or dyed their hair only to regret it.

And tempting are the pretty jars and packets of the cosmetic counter. Preparations promising to bring new beauty to the skin, new lustre to the eyes. And some of them do. But what new beauty does a youthful skin need and, what can make young eyes more attractive than good health.

This business, too, of plucking eyebrows to a pencil-line thinness is no longer glamorous, and using a depilatory on virgin hair growth which is almost unnoticeable is quite unnecessary—a good bleach would do the trick for perfect grooming.

REFRAIN FROM DESTROYING BEAUTY

My advice to younger girls is to refrain from destroying their enviable beauty in their efforts to be more beautiful!

Use only those creams or lotions which help a specific skin problem. Concentrate on daily and weekly grooming of your hair and keep it glossy and free. If you can wear it straight and look individual, even refrain from getting a permanent. Preserve its natural health so, in the years to come you can enjoy it.

Pluck only the stragglers in your eyebrows and pluck those only if they detract from your facial expression.

Try to remember that the mere word "rejuvenating" means to renew youth. You will have your youth so such creams and skin packs are not for you.

Keep your figure slim and beautiful through enough out door exercise and well-balanced meals. Re-



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sort to diets only if you have become sadly overweight and need one.

There are years and years to come, when you will have to call upon all the beauty aids there are. Now you should content yourself with good health and embellish it with the exciting make-up at your command. Style your hair prettily and keep those young eyes sparkling with nature's greatest beauty aid—good health!

Before going on this reducing diet get approval from a physician.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY BREAKFAST

Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination at least one-half hour before breakfast

1 ordinary drinking tumbler of orange and grapefruit juice mixed

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1 shredded wheat biscuit (softened with water) with 1/2 cup of skimmed milk . . . 150
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage)

Total 300

LUNCHEON

2/3 cup pineapple and cottage cheese on lettuce with diet dressing 200
1 small glass tomato juice . . . 25
1 slice bran bread thinly buttered 75

Total 300

DINNER

Fruit cup 100
Broiled fish (3 ounces) 100
1 cup stewed kernel corn . . . 100
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1 dish rice pudding with little cream 125

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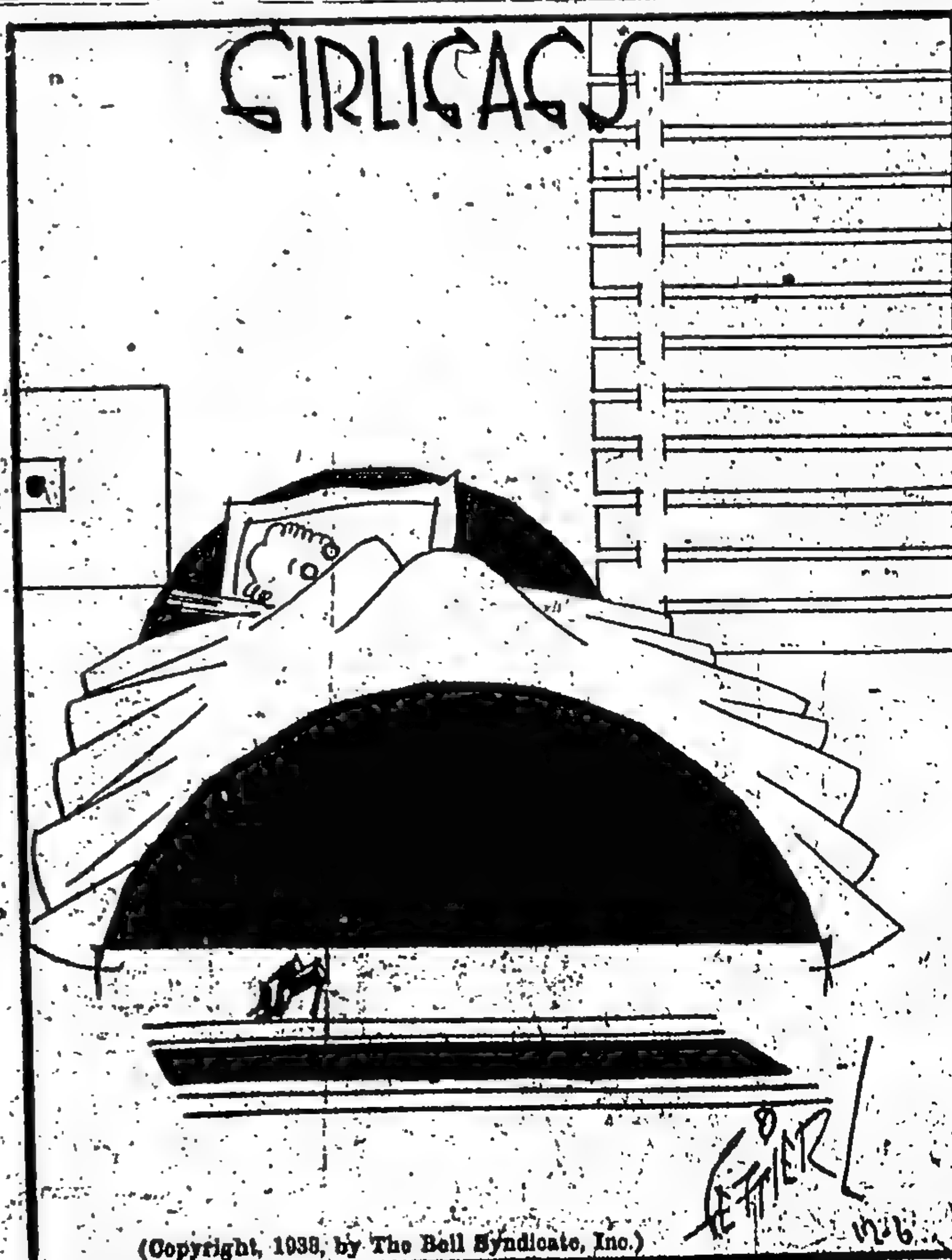
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(By MARY BLAKE)

The average person is apt to be the only ones likely to take a correct stand. Be careful how much pressure you try to bring to bear on anyone, in an effort to gain a point, for too much might result only in an excessive amount of stubbornness. Married and engaged couples, as well as those anxious to arrive at a matrimonial understanding where there has been a definite manifestation of love, must not be too insistent on having any question answered where there is an apparent reluctance to do so. If a woman and January 25 is your birthday, should your faith in mankind be weakened, you must

try to restore it by realizing the actions of one or two individuals cannot be regarded as the standard of the average person. There are many indications of your becoming successful and prosperous, either through your own efforts or by marriage. As a trained nurse, designer, dietician, business woman, actress, author, educator, or missionary you may make an enviable place for yourself.

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Shanghai	Tegelberg	January 26.
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Manila	Roseville	January 26.
Japan	Toyama Maru	January 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Bhutan	January 26.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)—London date, 29th December, 1939	Conte Verde	January 27.
Haiphong	Canton	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	January 27.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	January 27.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 21st Jan.	Imperial Airways Plane	January 28.
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Java	Tjisaroea	January 30.
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Straits	Patroclus	January 30.
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For	Per	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY		
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Sinkiang	Jan. 25, Noon.
Swatow and Tientsin	Taisang	Jan. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Kitano Maru	Tues., January 25.
via Thursday Island due Thursday		K.P.O.
Island, 7th February.	Reg.,	Wed., Jan. 25, 5.00 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Wed.; Jan. 25, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Jan. 25, 7.00 p.m.
	Gneisenau	Jan. 25, 6.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Friderun	Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi and Rabaul		
THURSDAY		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Jan. 26, 3 p.m.
Haiphong	Taksang	Jan. 26, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 2nd Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane,	Jan. 26,
	K.P.O.—Reg.,	Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 26, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.—Reg.,	Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 26, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 4th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane,	Jan. 26,
	K.P.O.—Reg.,	Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 26, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.—Reg.,	Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
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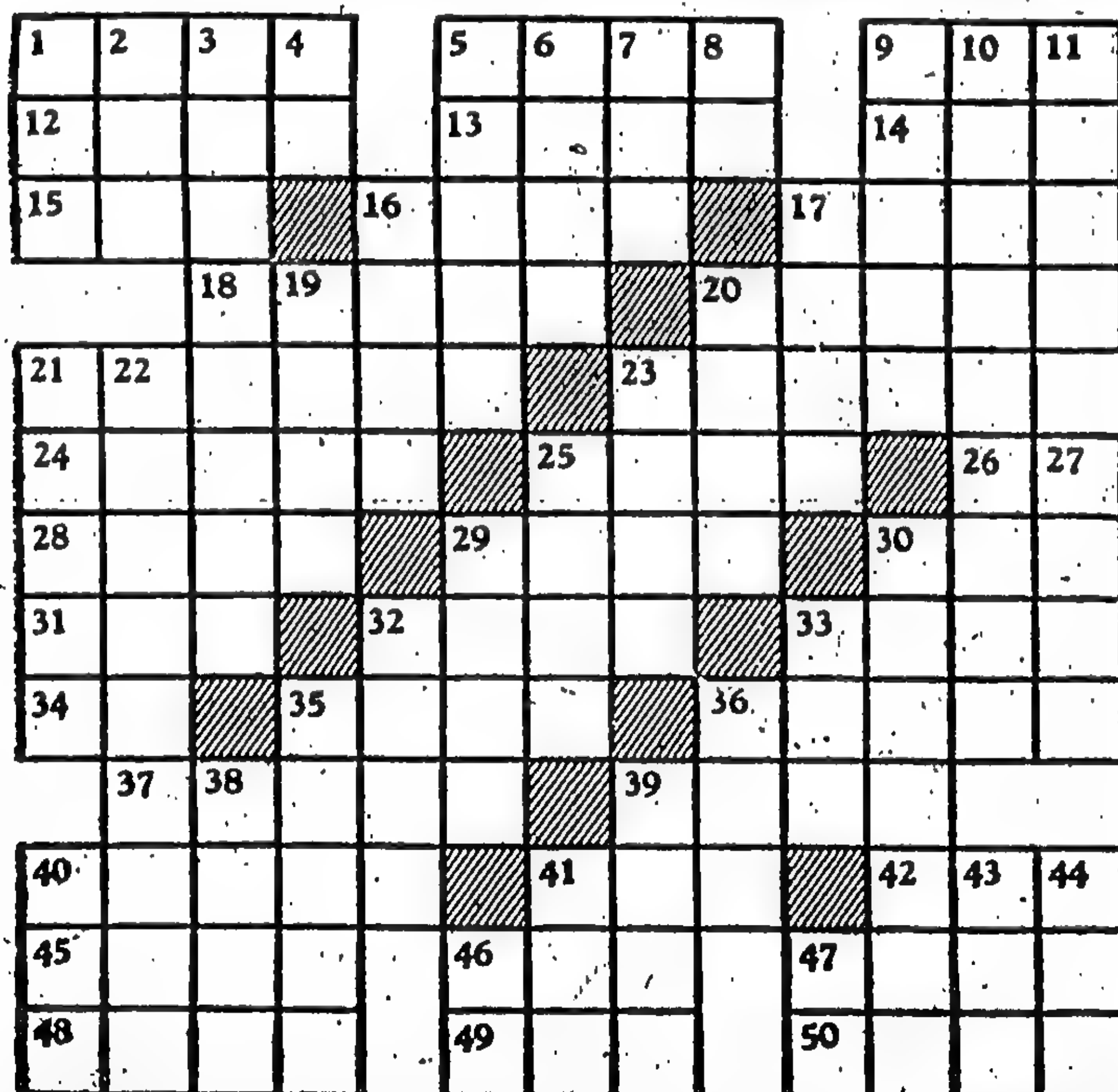
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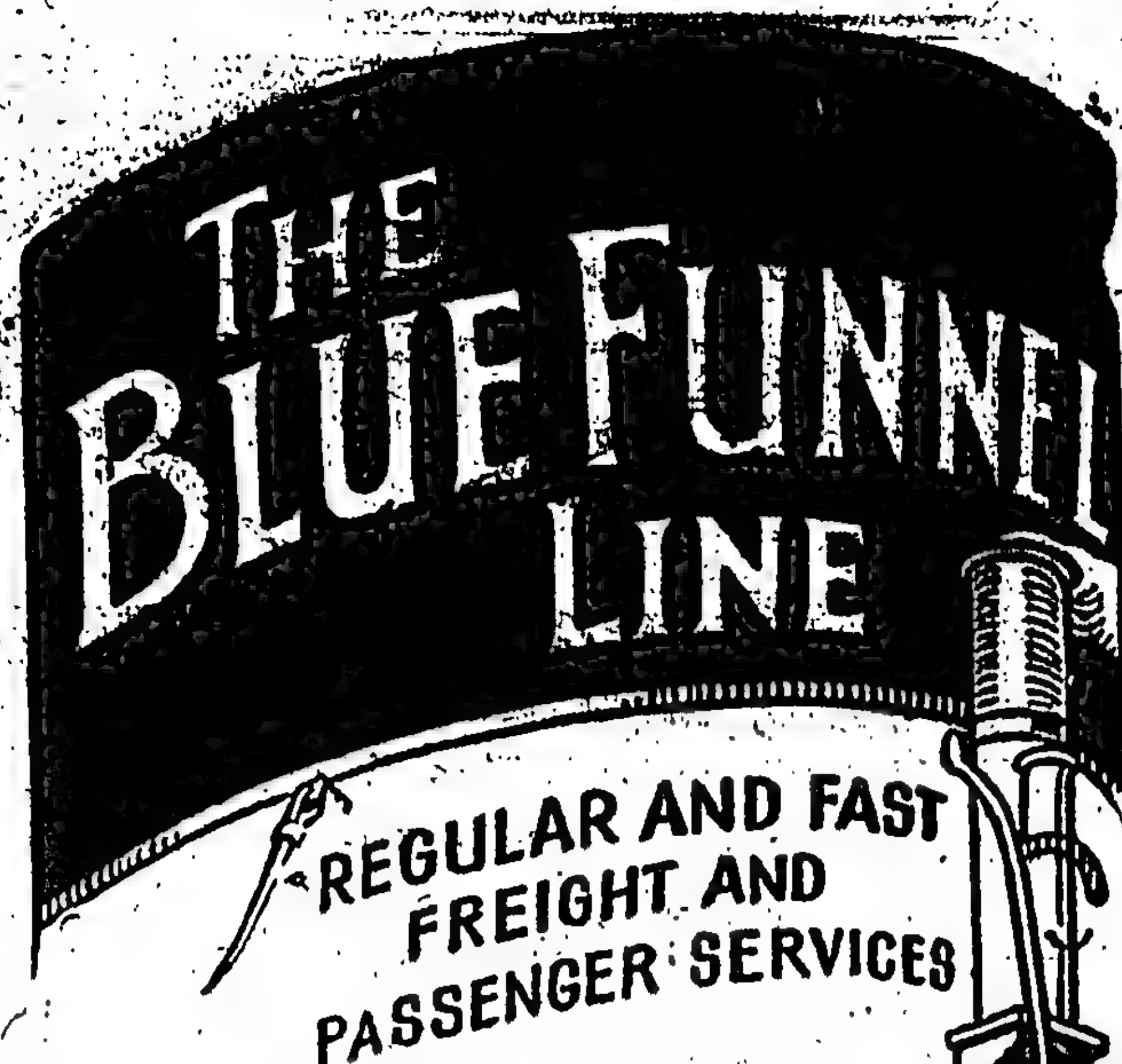
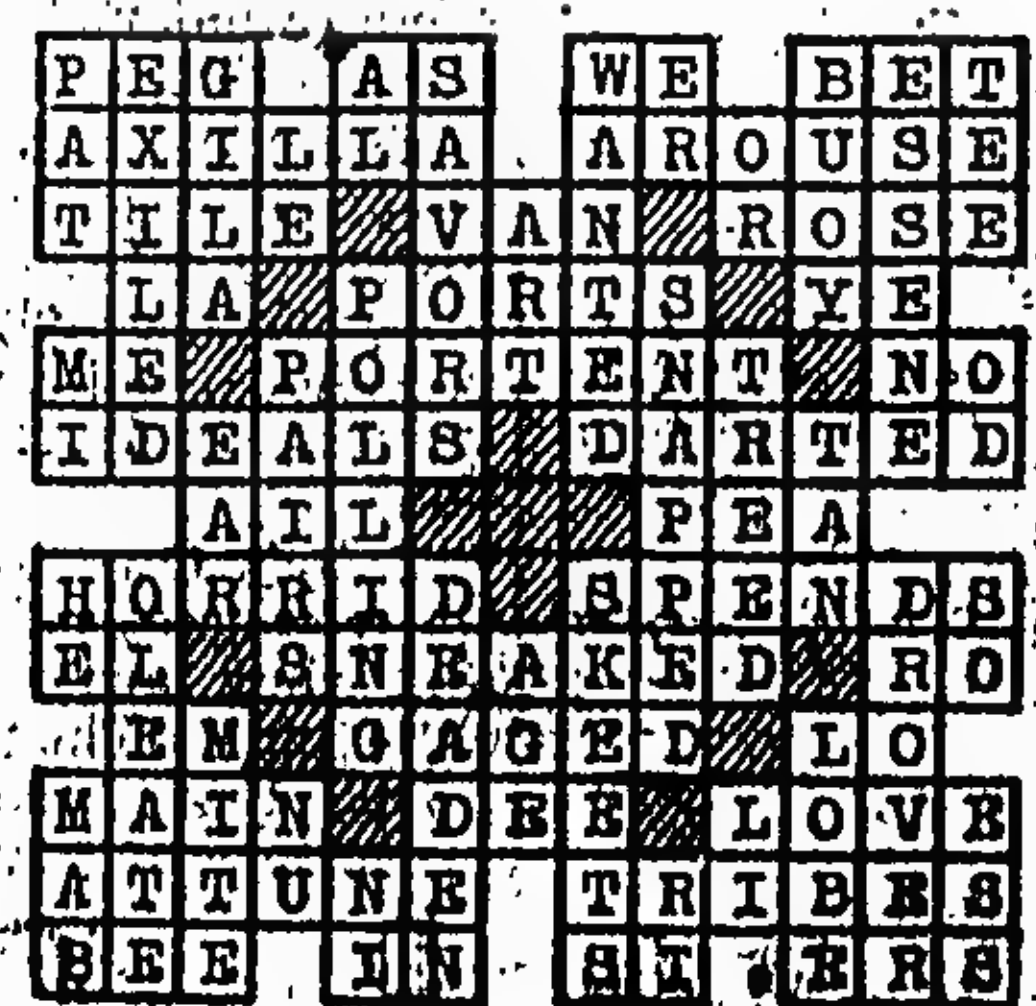
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- 5 An Irish novelist
- 9 Crane-arm
- 12 Mystic song
- 13 Famous French surgeon
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- 15 Besides
- 16 Shore bird
- 17 Marriage portions
- 18 Part of hip bone
- 20 Destroys
- 21 To signify
- 23 To cheat
- 24 Origins
- 25 To fall in
- 26 Extremely
- 28 Affixes
- 29 Vessel
- 30 Tree
- 31 Scottish river
- 32 Bundle
- 33 Hindu deity
- 34 Teutonic god
- 35 Brusk

VERTICAL

- 36 Diminished
- 37 Lack of power
- 39 Stall
- 40 Pile
- 41 Seed
- 42 To eat
- 45 North American rail
- 46 Bulgarian coin
- 47 Greek mountain
- 48 Sea birds
- 49 One
- 50 Existed

VERTICAL

- 1 Demand
- 2 Bitter draft
- 3 Opposed
- 4 Pronoun
- 5 To declaim
- 6 Abuse
- 7 Greek goddess
- 8 Pronoun
- 9 Smoothing iron
- 10 Assiduous
- 11 Fish
- 16 Gentlemen
- 17 To bewilder
- 19 Divides
- 20 Ramble
- 21 Porte decree
- 22 Church official
- 23 Capacity measure
- 25 Jargon
- 27 Toward mouth
- 29 To diversify
- 30 Artifice
- 32 Large piece
- 33 To drift to leeward
- 35 Tonic leaves
- 36 Learned
- 38 Lake
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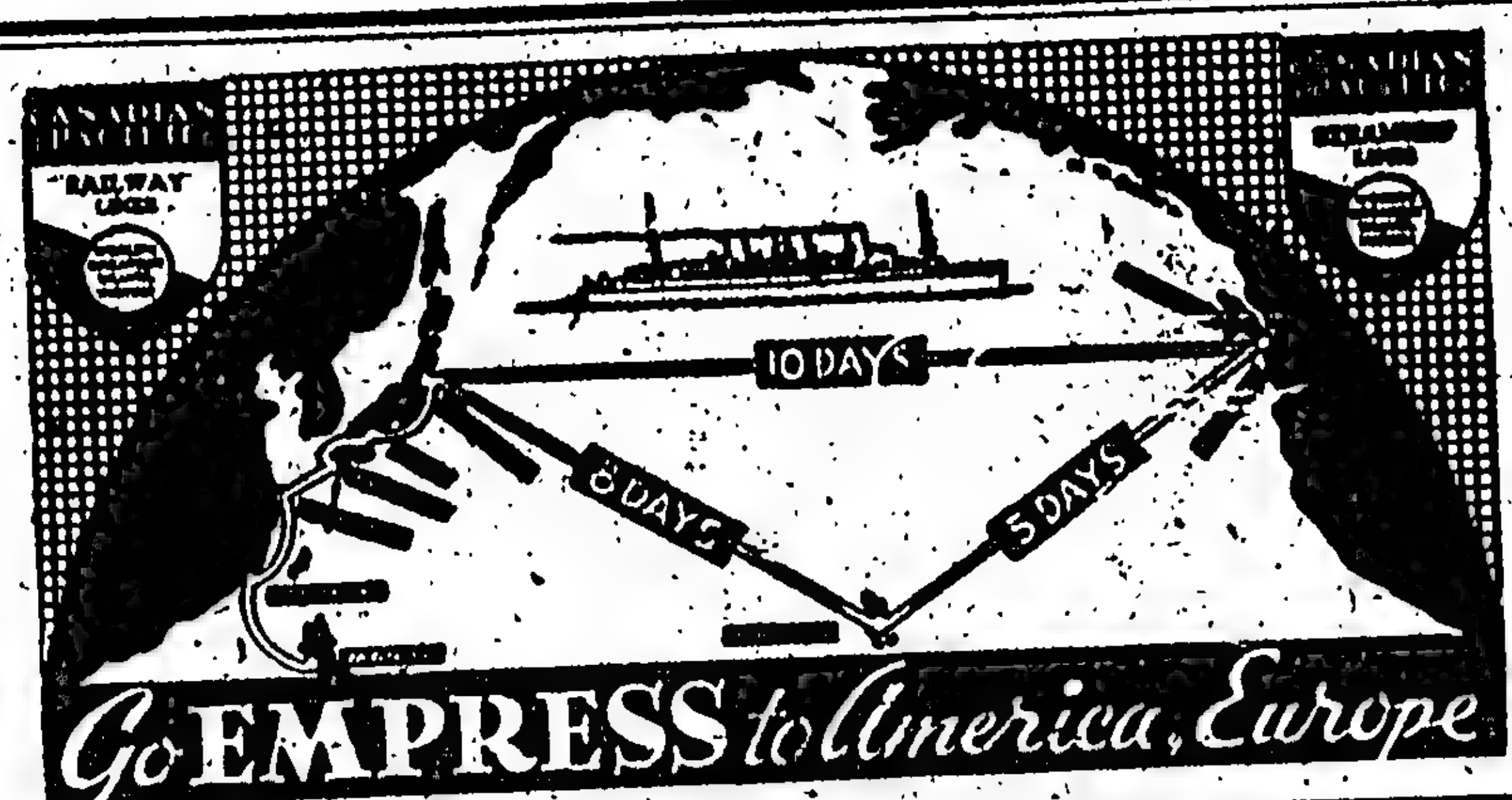
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Capt. Cook's Logs

Gifts by the King and Queen and Queen Mary to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, opened by the King in April, 1937, are reported in the first annual report, just published.

Gifts by the King include two model rudders, made of ivory and silver, and Capt. Cook's log journals.

The Queen gave an autographed letter dated Sept., 1813, and written by a seaman of H.M.S. Hibernia.

Queen Mary gave a number of Nelson relics.

Among other acquisitions during the year were a portrait of Charles I.'s Queen, Henrietta Maria; the gold medal of King Gustavus III. of Sweden commemorating the battle of Svenskund in 1790, when the Swedish fleet defeated the Russian, a fragment of the Bellerophon's colours shot away at the Battle of Trafalgar, five brass cannon of Charles I.'s reign, dated 1639 and 1640, and a chart of 1456 by Jacobus Bertram.

During the year a total of 167,755 visitors went to the museum.

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The driver took the kitten back to its home in the warehouse. It was sitting curled up in the hay when

A dog saw it, made a spring for pussy.

The kitten jumped out of the dog's way on to some moving machinery.

In a matter of seconds it would have been crushed to death, but someone saw it and rescued it unhurt.

Rebel Chief Dies Fighting

MEXICO CITY, JAN. 13.

TRUE TO HIS BOAST THAT HE WOULD DIE FIGHTING AND WOULD NEVER SURRENDER IN ANY CONDITIONS, GENERAL SATURNINO CEDILLO, 60-YEARS-OLD MEXICAN REBEL LEADER, HAS BEEN KILLED IN A THREE-HOURS BATTLE WITH GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

He was a rich farmer, of excellent Mexican-Indian type.

Four of his most faithful followers died with him, after they had exhausted all their ammunition and other means of combat.

Government forces had hunted him in his beloved mountains in the State of San Luis Potosi, where he had established his stronghold since last May. He had spurned several offers of an amnesty.

BETRAYED BY BOY SPY

It is said that a farmer boy spy informed the military that Cedillo, with 20 followers, had hidden in a wild, mountainous spot at Las Venegas, a few miles from San Luis City.

The authorities immediately sought out Cedillo with a picked command of Indian soldiers, who crept up to the rebels "hideaway."

After fierce fighting, the captain of the troops demanded Cedillo's surrender, assuring his followers of an amnesty, but all rejected the offer and increased their fire.

At nightfall the surviving rebels, seeing Cedillo and others lying dead, surrendered.

Cedillo had evaded the constant combing of San Luis State by troops and aeroplanes for eight months living much like an animal in his determination not to surrender.

AN ex-MINISTER

In Government quarters it is said that he would not have been executed had he surrendered, but it is believed he would have been expelled from Mexico, and it seems that Cedillo preferred death to expulsion.

He had held several high offices, including that of Governor of San Luis State. He was also an ex-Minister of Agriculture.



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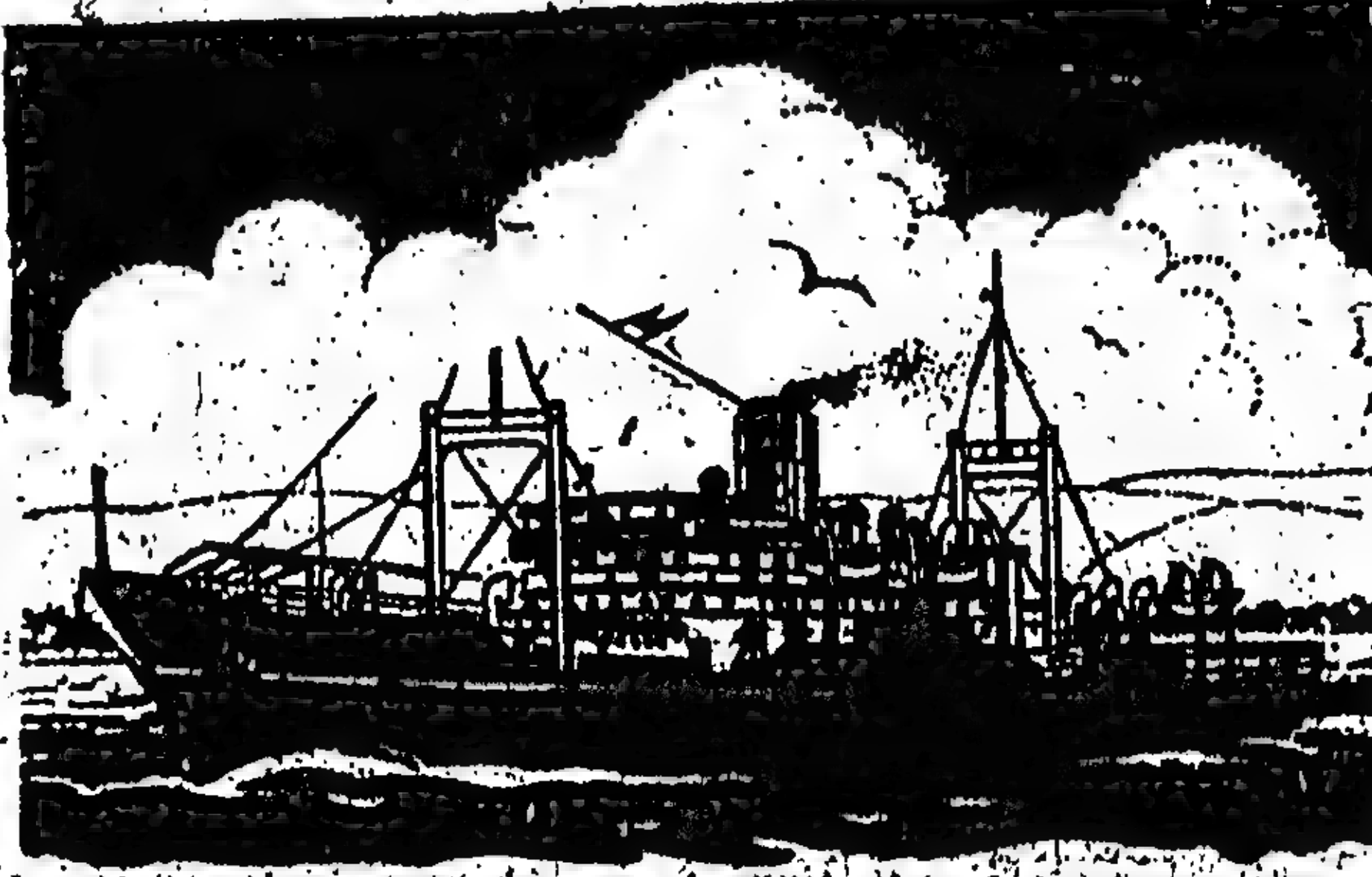
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A FRENCH NAVAL COURT TO-NIGHT SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A FIRING SQUAD A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER, WHO, FOR £480, SOLD TO A FOREIGN POWER PLANS FOR THE MOBILISATION OF THE FRENCH MEDITERRANEAN FLEET DURING THE SEPTEMBER CRISIS. HIS GIRL, ACCOMPANIED AND LOVER WAS SENT TO JAIL FOR THREE YEARS.

The officer, Lieutenant Marc Aubert, is the first member of the French armed forces to be sentenced to death since the war.

Neither he nor the girl — ex-dance hostess Marie Jeanne Maurel, who is twenty-seven, the same age as Aubert — was present when the court gave their verdict after a three-hour deliberation.

EARLY IN 1937

Aubert will face a firing squad of twelve soldiers and one officer. Sentries with fixed bayonets guarded the secret court which tried the lovers.

It was alleged that Aubert had been sending vital naval secrets to a foreign Power ever since early in 1937, when he met and fell in love with Jeanne Maurel in a dance-hall at Brest.

The girl helped him by allowing her address at Rennes, Brittany, to be used for the sending of messages and money.

Aubert, who was said to have received sums up to £1,000 for his work, was unable to explain why he had turned spy.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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Canton Ins.	\$205 b.
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China Underwriters	45 cts. sa.
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	\$80 b.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps.	44½ sa.
Atoks Ps.	34 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	25 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps.	13.30 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	46 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	23 sa.
I. X. L. Ps.	64 sa.
Paracale Gums Ps.	11½ sa.
San. Mauricio Ps.	1.72 sa.
Snyoc Consol. Ps.	19½ sa.
United Paracales Ps.	64 sa.
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H. K. Lands	\$36 b.
H. K. Realities	\$5.60 b., \$5.65 sa.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$17.40 s., \$17¼/17 sa.
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BARBARA GUGGENHEIM WETTATH, HEIRESS TO THE £20,000,000 GUGGENHEIM FORTUNE HAS SURPRISED THE SMART COLONY AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, BY ELOPING WITH HENRY OBRE, HER FORMER CHAUFFEUR.

The news has only just leaked out. At tea tables in the fashionable resort it was the sole topic of conversation.

Those who were "in the know" refused to say where the wedding took place, but it is said that the couple have gone to Nassau for the honeymoon, and plan a further honeymoon in California.

SERVANTS GOSSIPED

Friends knew of the romance between the rich divorcee and the tall, handsome youth who was employed on her estate last year to drive her many cars.

It had been noted how Obre and Mrs. Wettath exchanged long glances as he handed her down from her limousine, how the employer and chauffeur took long over discussing driving plans for the day.

Other servants gossiped and spread the rumour of possible romance.

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In 1929 she wed Freddie Wettath from whom she obtained a divorce last year.

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4 _____
5 DRY

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The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/4 and forward at 13-15/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$467.50 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$467-1/2.

The R. M. S. "Empress of Russia" from Vancouver, is due at Hong Kong on 9th February.

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Interport Rugby Trial To-Day

Wing Threequarter, Full Back Positions Will Be Selectors' Main Problems

ELLIOT OR HUTCHISON FOR STAND OFF-HALF?

(By "REFEREE")

A TREMENDOUS amount of interest has been aroused in Hong Kong Rugby circles by the impending visit of the Malayan Rugby Union fifteen and this afternoon's one and only Colony trial will probably see a large gathering present.

Contrary to earlier expectations, the Colony fifteen will probably be much stronger as I now discover that several Naval officers of H.M.S. Medway who were not expected to be in the Colony on February 11, will be here for the match.

The selectors have so far made a very good job of their task and in the "Probables" we have the team, with possibly a few changes in the wing-threequarter and second row positions, to meet Malaya.

One of the biggest problems the selectors will have to deal with is the selection of the threequarter line and particularly the left wing berth, and while the choice of a stand off-half looked a "certainty" for Lt. Elliot, Hutchison's brilliant performance last Saturday, in the final of the International series, will merit some consideration.

THE CENTRES

W. E. Grieve and P. O. Askwith are certainties for the centre three-quarter positions, for few will deny that as an all round player Grieve is a long way ahead of his nearest rival, H. D. Bidwell. Stewart, following his equally outstanding performance on Scotland's

LT. OGLE LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA

Lt. Ogle, one of the Colony's outstanding wing-forwards, left Hong Kong on Monday for Australia by the Submarine Phoenix, which is paying a visit to the Commonwealth.

right-wing last Saturday, looks a certainty for that position, leaving the left-wing threequarter berth vacant.

There are four claimants for this position. D. H. Taylor, of the Police R. U. F. C. has been included in Probables' team this afternoon, but I doubt if he has the speed of either Lt. Walters (Navy), a logical choice because of his understanding with Askwith and because his performances in the Triangular Tournament, but a doubtful starter, or of G. K. Chadwick, who replaces D. I. Bosanquet, who is still in hospital as a result of last Saturday's back injury.

BIDWELL AS WINGER

Bidwell will be seen as a centre this afternoon, but is also worthy of consideration as a wing three-quarter, particularly in view of his record as an attacking player, although it must be admitted that his defence will probably let him down.

Elliot did not play in the International series because he wanted a rest, so we must judge him on his Triangular Tournament performances when he was playing behind an excellent pack.

FAINT CHANCE

Hutchison and Henderson, Possibles' halves for this afternoon, have also performed very creditably in their recent outings and there is a

chance that one of them may secure recognition.

I can see possibly one or two changes from Probables' pack, these being L. Sea. Romans for Cuthbertson, in the front row, and the inclusion of Pte. Berry in the second row.

Teams for this afternoon's trial are as follows and the match will start as near as 4.30 p.m. as possible:

Probables:—Lt. Lomax (R.A.); D. H. Stewart (Club), P. O. Askwith (Dainty), W. E. Grieve (Club) and D. H. Taylor (Police R.U.F.C.); Lt. W. Elliot (Eagle) and Lt. E. B. Talbot (Medway); K. A. Watson (Club), K. W. Salter (Club); 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); A. F. Walkden (Club), Lt. G. P. Darling (Medway); Lt. I. M. Anderson (Medway), A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. R. E. Crawford.

Possibles:—W. MacGrath (Club); Lt. M. J. P. Walters (Medway), H. D. Bidwell (Club), L/Opl. Boe (R. Scots), G. K. Chadwick (Club); J. Hutchison (Club) and J. R. Henderson (Club); L. Sea. Romans (Eagle), E. A. Staples (Eagle), A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Lt. Griffiths (Navy), Lt. Boddington (Medway); L/Sgt. Page (5th A.A. Regt.), W. E. Peers (Club) and Pte. Berry (Middlesex).

Reserves:—F. O. Thomas (Eagle); Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway), J. Redman (Club), Pte. Boustead (R.A.O.C.), P. J. Cullinan (Police R.U.F.C.) and Lt. Pumphrey (Dorsetshire).

CRICKET NOTES TO-MORROW

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the weekly cricket notes will appear in to-morrow's editions of the "China Mail" instead of to-day.

Who Will Be Available?

(By "REFEREE")

There seem to be many conflicting reports as to which players of the Navy Triangular Tournament fifteen will or will not be available for the Rugby Interport match against Malaya on February 11.

A few days ago I was assured by a responsible source that most of the Medway's officers would be here for this match, but yesterday I learned that both Lt. Talbot, and Lt. Darling, Navy's scrum-half and second-row-forward, respectively, would be leaving Hong Kong on February 8.

On top of this "devastating" piece of news I learn that Lt. Walters has just left the Naval Hospital after a week's bout of septicaemia and will not be playing to-day, while Lt. Skelton, who is a "Possible" centre-threequarter, will be confined to quarantine until the first week of February!

POLICE R.U.F.C. BEATEN BY TAMAR AND S.S.

Wall's Fine Display At Full Back

D. H. TAYLOR HURT

(By "REFEREE")

Sterling work at full-back by Wall and good work in the loose by Searle, Cullinan and Oakley featured yesterday's friendly Rugby encounter at Causeway Bay, where Tamar and Small Ships beat the newly formed Police Rugby Union Football Club by two goals (10 points) to nil.

Police are improving gradually, but are in sore need of scrum practice. They were again packing much too high in the front row and were invariably beaten for the ball. Scrum practice twice a week and a chance by their backs to handle the ball from all angles and speeds is most essential at the moment.

Their backs yesterday were given several splendid opportunities to score and both Mackenzie and Jackson were all but over, when they made the mistake of looking round for someone to pass to.

TAYLOR INJURED

Little of was seen of D. H. Taylor, who retired from the game early in the first half after taking a nasty kick on the knee. He returned in the second half, but was much too heavily marked.

Wilson, skipper of the team, was too much of an individualist and was nearly always brought down by an opposition player with the ball in possession. A little more distribution was called for.

GOOD LEADERSHIP

Searle made a good leader of the pack and received stout hearted support from Cullinan and Oakley while Innis and Hemsley were also seen to advantage in the loose mauls when they got their feet over the ball and shoved.

Potter, at full-back, gave a very good display for Tamar and kicked an excellent length ball to touch, while Barlow and Buckrell, the wingers, were the pick of the three-quarter line, although both were somewhat neglected by their centres.

GOOD PLACE KICKING

Ashton played a hard game at stand-off-half and gave a magnificent exhibition of place kicking, converting both Tamar's tries from angles with plenty to spare. Clark was a hard-working scrum-half, but was guilty of infringement of the off-side rule and should have been penalised on several occasions.

Bowerman and Drydale were the pick of the pack.

Tamar scored both their tries through Clark and Drydale.

Tamar and Small Ships: Lt. Potter; Pay. Lt. Buckrell, Sub. Lt. Bateman, Paym. Lt. Cdr. Ackery and Ldg. Wrtr. Barlow; Sub. Lt. Ashton and Lt. Cdr. Clark; S. B. A. Davies, Lt. (E) Brown, Cpl. Marron (R.M.); Wrtr. Ferris, Sto. Scott, Mns. Grant (R.M.), Surg. Lt. Drydale; Ord. Sea. Bowerman; Police R.U.F.C.: J. Wall; V. J. Mackenzie, J. E. Jackson, G. S. Wilson and D. H. Taylor; A. N. Ocher and R. B. Leails; J. E. Wheeler; E. A. Searle, T. J. Hemsley, P. J. Cullinan, J. Oakley; S. Innis, John Smith and G. N. Davitt.



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"Seeding" In Championships

AN AMERICAN GOLF PROPOSAL

U.S. PERSONNEL CHANGES — AMATEUR SURPRISES

(By "W. S.")

(By AIR MAIL)

Edinburgh.

GOLFERS will watch with interest the result of the effort of the ruling body in the United States to have the "seeding" principle introduced to the British Amateur Championship.

From a report presented at the annual meeting of the U.S.G.A., it appears that the R. and A. have been approached with a view to this departure being made. The proposal affects only Walker Cup years, or, in other words, those seasons in which the international team of either country is playing, in the familiar Soccer term, "away," and are entered for the national title of the visited country.

In this move we have an echo, particularly, of last year's American luck in our Championship at Troon. The U.S. players certainly had an unfortunate draw on that occasion, for Charles Yates and Johnny Fischer came out of the hat in opposition, and J. Goodman and Ray Billows had also to meet in the early hours of the event. That Championship was as good an "ad" for "seeding" as could be wanted, and possibly the R. and A., as an act of international courtesy, will meet the Americans in their representation. If they should do so the innovation will leave many golfers with an uncomfortable feeling, and will provoke downright hostility in others.

EVERYBODY ALIKE

The Amateur Championship draw in this country treats everybody alike; the players, irrespective of name or fame, take their chance. That is how I for one like to see the thing done. I put in my word of sympathy for the American challengers when I was writing on the eve of the Troon play last year, but I dislike "seeding."

That system of selecting certain competitors and carefully placing them so that they cannot meet until an advanced stage of the Championship has, I know, its points, and one of

them, in theory at any rate, is that it increases interest and does the "gate" a service. But while it has its points it has no guarantees.

"THE BEST LAID SCHEMES"

Some years ago the Scottish Amateur Championship supplied an illustration of how the best laid schemes of this kind could go "agley." The Union could hardly have "seeded" more effectively than the luck of the draw did the job for Jack McLean, Hector Thomson, Jim Ferrier from Australia, and, I think, R. S. Walker, then a real force in the game, were all in different quarters, but E. D. Hamilton won, and Robert Neill was runner-up. That, however, is by the



way. That case will not move those who think that outstanding players, especially members of the same international team, who have crossed the Atlantic, should be kept apart in the early stages of a Championship. On the other hand, "seeding" savours of tampering with a draw in which, theoretically at least, all men are equal, and of favouring certain players as against the rest of the field.

THEY COME AND GO

While I am writing of American golf it seems the convenient time to discuss some other echoes of the past year's events across the Atlantic. The ranking habit, which is pursued meticulously in the States every year has produced some surprise, even startling, assessments of merit on the events of the year that has gone.

One amateur list, unofficial, but compiled with journalistic authority and every possible care, which I have seen, presents an astonishing upheaval. Four of the nine players who only some months ago were sent over here on Walker Cup business, and regarded at home as at least as good as any previous expedition, do not even get places in 1938's first ten. They are C. Kocsis, Fred Haas, M. Ward, and Reynolds Smith. It was Ward who did his first round at St Andrews in 67, to be nine up on Pennink. But other players have moved forward in American reckoning.

YOUNGEST TITLE WINNER

Willie Turnesa, the new U.S. Champion, gets top place, with Yates next,

and Goodman, despite his fall from form; R. Babbish, of Detroit, whose name is totally new over here; and R. D. Chapman, who has campaigned more than once in our Championship, follow in that order. Fischer takes seventh position, and Ray Billows, who was a headliner not so long ago as "the Cinderella kid," is ranked as second last.

Turnesa, who is 23, is the youngest player to win the title since Bobby Jones won in 1924. Until recently a student, Turnesa had no golf reputation beyond the Inter-Collegiate and Metropolitan events. His six brothers are all professional golfers, and one of them, it may be recalled, was over here as a Ryder Cup player.

MRS. VARE DROPS OUT

The American women's and professional lists do not present the same revolutionary appearance. Miss Patty Berg is No. 1 in her own class, and there is nothing of the unexpected about that. Miss Berg was picked out in her teens as a champion in the making. O. B. Keeler turned the prophetic limelight on her as a "natural," and she has taken an early opportunity of confirming her Curtis Cup promotion of three years ago by winning the national title at twenty, and a whole row of secondary tournaments as well.

Mrs. Page, the defending champion, who beat Mrs. Holm in last year's international, is placed second, and Miss Marion Milley, who is the daughter of a Kentucky professional, has climbed into third position. The most significant thing, perhaps, is the omission from the leading ten names of the famous Mrs. Collett Vare. It is difficult to believe that America has ten better woman golfers than the Mrs. Vare even of to-day.

LEADING PRO.

Ralph Guldahl is the leading professional — and men con., too. He successfully defended the U.S. Open and won the Western Open for the third time, and thus compels readjustment of some of the first-hand views taken of his golf when he was in this country two years ago. Sam Snead, who was a Ryder Cup colleague with him that year, is ranked as second, and, since he has earned nearly \$4000 in prize-money in the past year, he will not be unduly hurt by the estimate.

Paul Runyan, as P.G.A. Champion, ranks next, and though this little fellow is by no means on the highest-power level, and specialises in spoon play, he beat the long-hitting Snead in the final by 8 and 7. The battle is not always to the smiter. Names not so well known to us that have gained ground are Hines, Ghezzi, and Penna.

Hip Movement Important

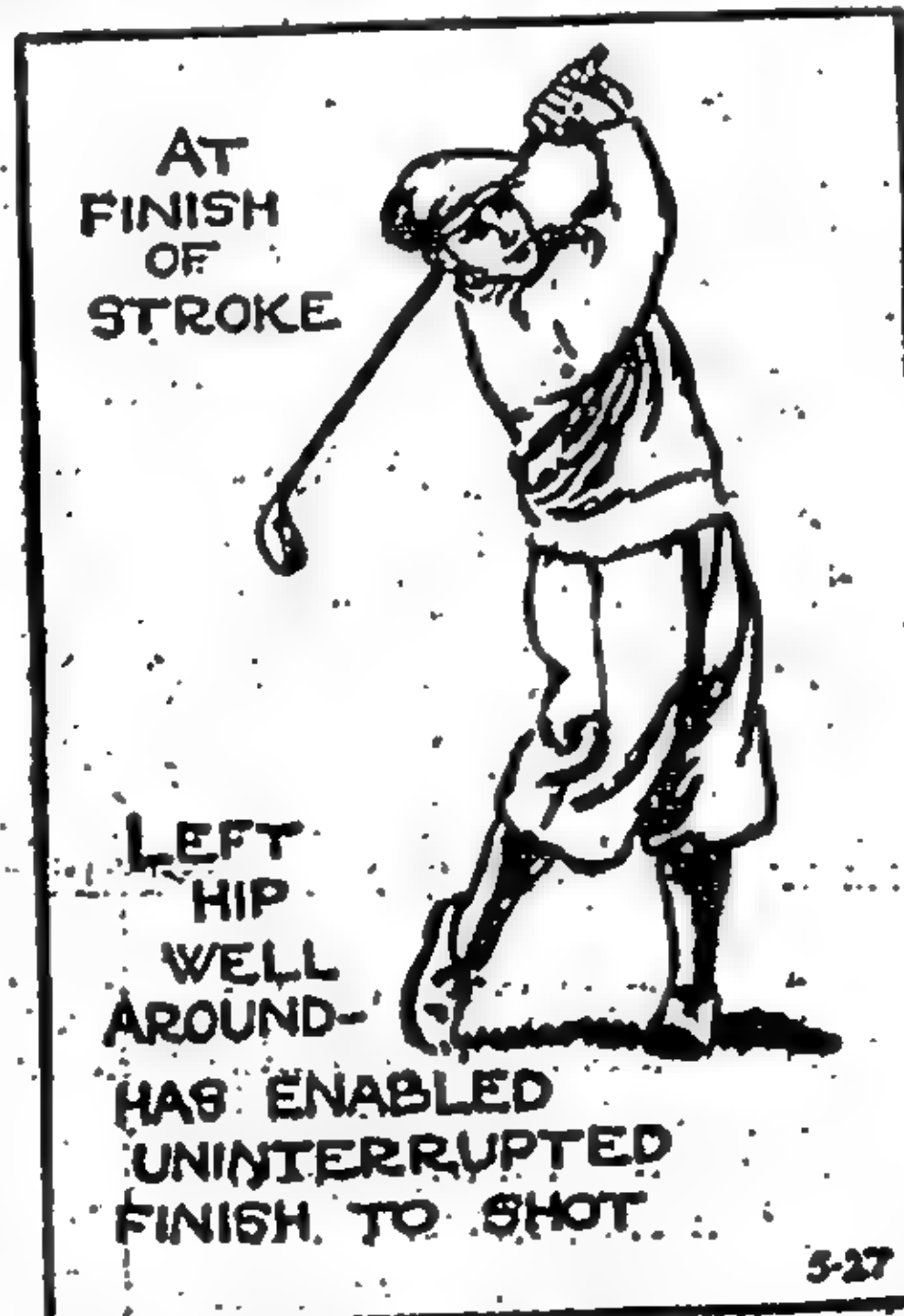
By BEST BALL

The left hip plays an important part both in the back and downswing. It is the left hip for example, which originates the body turn in each case and without the employment of the strong muscles of the back and midsection, the stroke would be typically an arm motion with less power imparted to the ball. Furthermore this bodily movement allows a greater measure of relaxation than would be the case were it rigidly kept in a set position. In the backswing it is the combination of the extended left arm, plus the

and, at the finish, is in a position resembling that of Bobby Jones in the above illustration. Failure of the left hip to turn aside on the downstroke will result in a collapse of the left arm and the hitting momentum. Lacking a clear hitting path it will be blocked and downswing momentum stopped.

Friday—Position of Ball.

GRAPHIC GOLF



turn of the left hip to the right, which starts the backswing arc. By the time the top of the arc is reached the back of the golfer is well presented to the hole.

From this point the first movement toward the return of the clubhead to the ball is a turning movement of the left hip back to its original position. This sets up a pulling tension in the left side, which is transferred up the left arm and starts this member pulling the club down. In the meantime the left hip keeps revolving to the left past its original stance position until at impact it is clear of the path of the descending arm.

FOURTH U.S. MARINES' RUGBY FIFTEEN FOR HONG KONG?

(By "REFEREE")

There is a possibility that, following close on the heels of the Interport Rugby match between Hong Kong and Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays, the Colony may entertain another visiting team during the middle of March.

Mr. E. C. Carter, Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club, has just communicated with the Hong Kong Football Club to the effect, that there is a possibility that the Fourth United States Marines, who possess an excellent Rugby team, may secure transport to Hong Kong during the middle of March and would like to play three games here. One against the Club, a second against the Colony and a third against the United Services.

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Kowloon v St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Stedman.
Linesmen:—Wyper and Fraser.
South China "B" v Club
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Hooper.
Linesmen:—Gibson and Banham.
Middlesex v Kwong Wah
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Thomas.
Linesmen:—Barretto and Baker.

Second Division
R.A.O.C. v Club
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Silva.
Kowloon v St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.
Middlesex v Kwong Wah
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.
Engineers v 5th R.A.
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Goss.

Third Division "A"
5th R.A. v Electric
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—McIlgrew.

Third Division "B"
Kumaons R. v Powhattan
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Marriott.
24th R.A. v R.A.F.
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Burgess.
R.E. (E.) v R.A.M.C.
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Dove.

SUNDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1939

First Division
Police v Royal Scots
(Boundary Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Smith and Somerville.
Eastern v South China "A"
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.
Linesmen:—Stone and Hartley.

Second Division
Eastern v South China
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Molyneux.
Police v Royal Scots
(Boundary Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Clark.

Third Division "A"
R.A.S.C. v Royal Scots
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Gamlin.
Kit Che v R.E.
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Waldron.
Stanley v 30th R.A.
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Aylwin.
South China v P.W.D.
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards.

Third Division "B"
University v Signals
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Purnell.
A.S.A. v Stonecutters
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Demmes.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1939

Third Division "B"
University v R.E.
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Parr.

KING LEOPOLD SEVENTH IN TOURNEY

Cannes (By Air Mail).
King Leopold of the Belgians, who, with his mother, Queen Elisabeth, has just returned to Brussel after a holiday at Beaulieu-sur-Mer, finished seventh in the golf contest for the Blackner Cup, a handicap event played on the course at Cannes-sur-mer.
Playing under the name of Comte de Rethy, and partnered by Captain Cunningham, King Leopold (handicap 6) finished four down.
The event was won by Mr. A. G. Garland and Major Bower (9), who finished all square.

CONTROL BOARD'S INCREASED GRANTS

As the result of the working of totalisators in 1938, the Racecourse Betting Control Board are making grants amounting to £175,000 for improvements to horse racing, horse breeding, and veterinary science and education, as compared with £150,000 last year.
The total volume of business handled by the Board's totalisators in 1938 was £9,093,482, as against £7,903,721 the previous year, an increase of 15 per cent. Of this amount £2,861,375 was "off the course" betting, transmitted to the totalisators, as increase of 33 per cent. over the figures for 1937.

Yorkshire Make £90 Profit

£4100 For Improvement of Grounds

(By AIR MAIL)

Although the Yorkshire County Cricket Club reports a profit for 1938 of only £90, they had a highly satisfactory year. Income exceeded expenditure by over £5000, and the club has been able to allot £885 in bonuses to clubs on whose grounds matches were played, and also provide £4100 for the Improvement of Grounds Fund.

The gate receipts totalled £27,614, including record receipts of £4447 from the match with the Australians at Sheffield. The other chief items of income were £7039 in subscriptions, and £3345 as their share of the profits of the 1938 Test matches against Australia.

The county's credit balance — in invested funds — now amounts to £23,605.

MORE CREDITABLE

The report to be presented to the annual meeting in Leeds on Thursday, January 26, congratulates the team on winning the County Championship for the twentieth time, and adds the comment that the feat was all the more creditable because of the fact that the side was depleted on many occasions owing to players being selected for Test matches or suffering from injuries.

Next season fixtures have been arranged with fifteen first-class counties, in addition to matches with the West Indies, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and with M.C.C. at Lord's and Scarborough. The match with Middlesex at Bradford on July 8, 10, and 11, will be for the benefit of Arthur Wood.

Two Famous Amateur Soccer Clubs

MOVEMENT IN BEST INTEREST OF AMATEUR FOOTBALL

(By "AIR MAIL")

"In best interests of amateur football," says Mr. C. Wreford Brown, a merger between the Corinthian and the Casuals Football Clubs, two of the best-known amateur organisations in the country, has been agreed upon in principle, and each club has appointed a committee to discuss and settle details.

This was announced following an extra-ordinary meeting of the Casuals in London and unless there is an unexpected hitch it is practically certain that the amalgamation will take place at the end of the present season. The committees will consist of eleven members each, and they will consider numerous matters, including the name of the club, and the rules.

"I think it is in the best interests of amateur football," said Mr. C. Wreford Brown, the old Oxford University and England captain, now an F.A. Councillor and international team selector, when asked for his opinion. "I first proposed the merger 35 years ago, and again two years ago, when it was narrowly defeated by the Corinthians."

COMPILATION OF ENGLISH LEAGUE SOCCER FIXTURES

Late Mr. Sutcliffe's Scheme To Be Carried On

(By AIR MAIL)

The late Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe's scheme of compiling the English League fixtures will be carried on.

The fixtures were his copyright, and will go on being prepared to his formula, as about three years ago the League entered into an agreement with Mr. Sutcliffe and his only surviving son, Harold, to the effect that the methods employed should continue for ten years from that date.

Afterwards the copyright of the fixtures will pass to the Football League, and fixture making may be done at the League offices, unless a new arrangement is made.

Mr. Sutcliffe received a fixed sum of £2 from each club per season as an acknowledgment, and to cover expenses, and this method of payment will continue until the ten years are up.

Mr. F. G. I. Packington, hon. secretary of the joint committee, which has been running the two clubs for some time past, said: "I am sure that it is a good move from every point of view. It is sad for members of each club to lose what has been in existence for so long, particularly in the case of the Corinthians, with their really great record. It is hoped that the ideals and traditions of each club will be retained in the new form."

The proposal to amalgamate with the Casuals was discussed by the Corinthians and it is understood that a resolution they reached was put before a gathering on January 3.

In June 1937 the two clubs, after several meetings, decided to run under a joint executive committee for at least the next three seasons. It was then stated that this arrangement was intended to be permanent.

Corinthians particularly have founded ever-increasing difficulty in getting together sides of the required strength, and in recent years they have been unable to produce the good displays which marked the early achievements of the club — especially in the English Cup.

GREAT TRADITIONS

The merging of the two clubs will permit fresh efforts for spreading the highest ideals of the amateur game, with prospects of better results in various competitions.

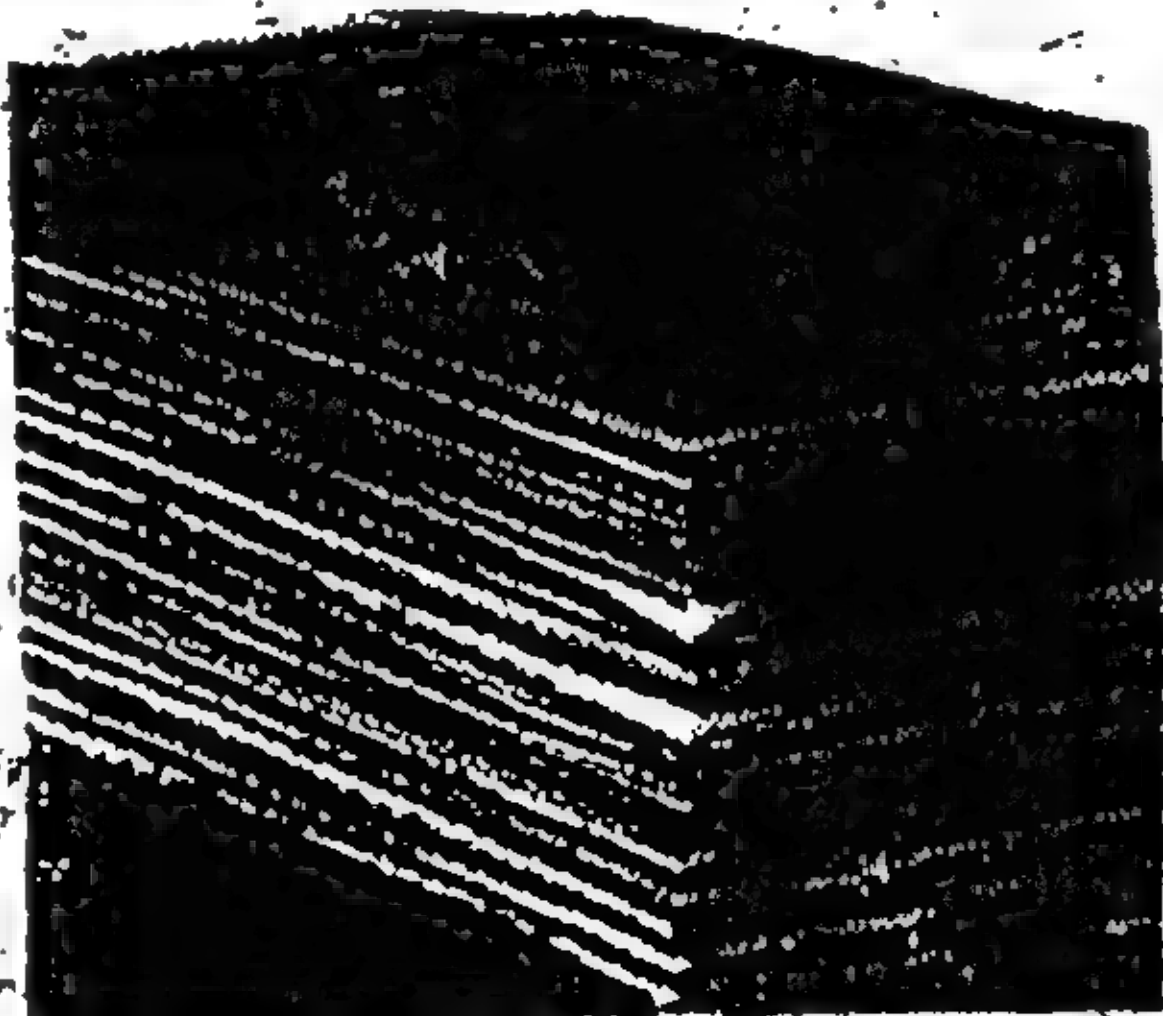
The Corinthians have great traditions. In the old days crowds used to flock in tens of thousands to Kennington Oval, Queen's Club, Crystal Palace, and Leyton, for the games between the amateurs and the League clubs. In 1894, Corinthian talent was so outstanding that the England XI of 1894, which played Wales at Wrexham, was entirely composed of their members, and Wales were beaten 5-1.

The Corinthians are well known abroad, for the club did much to popularise the game on the Continent.

TESTIMONIAL FOR OLDFIELD AND KIPPAX

Melbourne (By AIR MAIL). — The Australian Cricket Board of Control has granted its patronage to the testimonial match between Oldfield and Alan Kippax, former New South Wales and international cricketers, to be held in Sydney next season.

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CHINESE TENNIS TEAM FOR HONG KONG

FIVE SHANGHAI PLAYERS DUE ON FRIDAY

(By "REFEREE")

A party of well-known Shanghai Chinese tennis players, students from St. John's University, Chao Tung University and Shanghai College are expected to arrive in the Colony by the R.M.S. Empress of Canada for a series of matches against local Clubs.

Football Referees Confer

Local Incidents To Discussed

The fortnightly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees Association was held on Monday night in the Football Association's offices and presided over by Mr. R. M. Omar, (chairman), assisted by Mr. D. Goss the Hon. Secretary.

Several knotty points on the laws of the game were discussed, mostly of the off-side law, handling in the penalty area, charging and obstruction. The discussions on the different points were both interesting and instructive.

Several incidents in Home football which had been commented upon by the Home papers were also brought up for discussion.

The chairman said that he had been requested to find out, if at future meetings, incidents and decisions observed on the local fields could be discussed without hurting the feeling of any officials in charge of that particular game.

GENERAL INTERPRETATION

It was felt that such incidents, if mentioned in general terms without reference to the referee or the game, would be enlightening and of much benefit to referees as a whole, and would lead to a uniformity in the interpretation of the laws — a state of affairs which would be welcomed by players and spectators alike.

In view of the fact that the number of members had diminished considerably owing to departures, the Chairman was asked what steps were being taken to solicit the support of all referees in joining the Association.

FULL SUPPORT URGED

The advantages of joining a similar association at Home were mentioned and while it was agreed that the local Association was at present not in a position to offer the same facilities, it was pointed out that much good could be done for local football if all referees gave the Association their fullest support.

Mr. Igrew said that it was not compulsory for a referee, or linesmen to join the Referees' Association before he could officiate in Hong Kong.

The Football Association would welcome working with the Referees' Association on any general points if they were certain that all officials were members and would be aware of the points brought up, but under the present circumstances, when a number of referees were not members, it was not possible and individual members had to be written to, in such circumstances.

RULES TO BE REVISED

In reply to a query by Mr. Stedman, it was decided that members, who were affiliated to the Home Association through another body,

The players are H. K. F. Lim, P. K. Tong (Captain), David Tsai, T. H. Wei and P. C. Hsu who will be accompanied by a manager and coach.

H. K. F. Li and P. K. Tong are Shanghai's leading Chinese doubles pair and last season reached the final of the Shanghai grasscourts championship.

The visitors have tentatively arranged for four matches while in the Colony, which are as follows:

- 1st Match v. H.K. Students
- 2nd Match v. South China A.A.
- 3rd Match v. Club de Recreio
- 4th Match v. Chinese R.C.

Grimsby Enter Fifth Round Of F.A. Cup

London, To-day.

Grimsby yesterday entered the Fifth Round of the F. A. Cup competition when they beat Millwall by 3 goals to 2 in their replay, after sharing four goals last Saturday.

In the First Division of the Scottish League, Hearts and St. Mirren shared two goals.—Reuter.

F.A. CUP DRAW

Owing to a typographical error by Reuter, the F. A. Cup Fifth Round Draw which was published yesterday has now been found to be incorrect and below we publish the correct draw:

- Newcastle v. Preston N. E.
- Portsmouth v. West Ham or Tottenham
- Wolves v. Liverpool
- Sunderland v. Blackburn R.
- Chelsea v. Wednesday or Chester
- Huddersfield v. Notts C. or Walsall
- Sheffield U. v. Grimsby
- Birmingham v. Everton

EARL OF ATHLONE NEW F. A. PRESIDENT

London, To-day.

The Earl of Athlone has been unanimously elected President of the Football Association. The Earl of Athlone is a former Governor-General of South Africa.

need not be affiliated again through Hong Kong.

The last point raised was the alterations to the rules of the Association and it was decided that they should be revised and based on similar lines to County Associations at Home.

M.C.C. TEAM FOR INDIA WILL SAIL ON OCTOBER 8

Calcutta, (By AIR MAIL). — The M.C.C.'s suggestion that their team which is to tour India at the end of this year should sail in the Strathmore, which reaches Bombay on October 8, has been accepted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

The early arrival of the team in Bombay will necessitate certain alterations in the dates of the itinerary, and this has been left in the hands of the M.C.C. Tour Sub-Committee. One alteration adopted at the meeting of the Board of Control was that in regard to the matches to be played in Calcutta.

The representative of the Bengal Association suggested that if the second Test match was played on Wednesday to Saturday, December 27 to 30, the gates would definitely suffer, so he proposed that the match should be played at Calcutta on December 31, January 1, 2, and 3.

TO-NIGHT'S TITLE BOUT

Louis Defends Crown Against John Henry Lewis

Joe Louis, the Negro holder of the world heavyweight boxing championship will defend his crown to-night at Madison Square Garden when he meets John Henry Lewis, Negro holder of the world's light-heavyweight championship.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is to-day's soccer programme:—

- Third Division "A"
- 30th R.A. v. Royal Scots (Military, 4 p.m.)
- Referee:—Hartley.
- Engineers v. Service Corps (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
- Referee:—Gibson.
- Third Division "B"
- Signals v. University (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
- Referee:—Wyper.

HARVEY RANKED FIFTH AS WORLD CHALLENGER

New York (By Air Mail).

Len Harvey, "England's greatest fighter and holder of three titles," is placed fifth as challenger for Joe Louis's world heavy-weight title by Jimmy Johnston, former match-maker of Madison Square Garden.

Johnston, who is now manager of Bob Pastor, places Maurice Strickland, the New Zealand heavy-weight, seventh on his list of heavy-weight rankings for 1939. Pastor is considered first contender for a title fight.

Johnston's reason for placing Pastor first is that during 1938 Pastor had 14 contests, of which he won seven by knock-outs and four on points. He lost only one, and had two other bouts which, Johnston claims, he won, but which were given as draws.

Johnston describes Len Harvey as "England's greatest fighter, and holder of three titles."

His complete list is:—

1. Bob Pastor.
2. Maxie Rosenbloom.
3. John Henry Lewis.
4. Tony Galento.
5. Len Harvey.
6. Max Baer.
7. Maurice Strickland.
8. Lou Nova.
9. Roscoe Toles.
10. Tommy Tucker.

FORMER HAWICK RUGBY PLAYER'S DEATH

The death has occurred at Murtle, Aberdeenshire, of T. S. Douglas, who a few seasons ago was one of the most prominent forwards in Hawick Rugby Club. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Douglas, of Gatehousecote, near Hawick, and was associated with his father in farming. Douglas, who was a popular player at Mansfield, had suffered from ill-health for some considerable time.

DRAW FOR KOWLOON G. C. CAPTAIN'S CUP

M. L. da Roza with a score of 87-16 = 71 and B. Basto with a score of 92-18 = 74 qualified for the Kowloon Golf Club's Captain's Cup on January 21 and 22. There was a total of 11 entries.

The following is the Draw for the Captain's Cup:—

- F. C. Barry v. W. C. Simpson
- B. Basto v. T. D. Paton
- S. Jex v. F. A. Hill
- A. J. Dennis v. A. A. Lopes
- W. A. Ahern v. E. F. Fincher
- W. A. Stewart v. A. E. Davies
- F. J. Remedios v. W. Bastin
- M. L. da Roza v. T. B. Low

IMPORTANT FIGHT FOR FORAN'S CONQUEROR

(By Air Mail)—Billy Walker, the Stratford feather-weight, conqueror of Ginger Foran, will figure in an important contest at the National Sporting Club's tournament on Monday, January 30. According to Mr. John Harding, N.S.C. manager, Walker is now, by his performance against Foran, eligible to challenge for the feather-weight title.

U.S. BASKETBALL TEAM COMING

One of the world's leading basketball teams will be seen in action in Hong Kong next month, when the University of Washington players, now participating in a series of matches in the Philippines, pass through the Colony on their way home.

Three games have tentatively been arranged for the American cagers, these being as follows:—

- Feb. 8 v. Chinese "Y".
- Feb. 9 v. Sin Tao Yat Pao.
- Feb. 10 v. "All Star."

A. D. LOCKE TO PLAY GOLF IN SCOTLAND

A. D. Locke, the South African champion, is expected to land at Southampton at the end of March or early in April for another British golf tour. He is to partner Arthur Padgham, of Sandridge Park, in a series of matches, and his first engagement may be at Brockenhurst Manor, Hampshire, soon after his arrival.

Padgham and Locke are to play on the Royal Musselburgh course, Edinburgh, on May 6, and the South African will make another bid for the Open Championship at St. Andrews in July. Locke may go to America after completing his British tour.

Relay of Burns Night Dinner Speech

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio in D Minor, Op. 49. Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell, Sam Browne and Jack Harris & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Twilight In Turkey; The Toy Trumpet.....Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Swing Step—Stop! You're Breakin' My Heart (film 'Artists and Models'); Slow Fox-Trot—Everything You Said Came True.....Jack White & His Collegians with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trots—I'm Feelin' Like A Million (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'); Caravan.....Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal Refrain by Nat Gonella.
Tangos—Cabeceita; La Ultima Cancion.....Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. (9.52 megacycles)

Fox-Trots—Oh, They're Tough—Mighty Tough In The West; Ten Pretty Girls.....Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trots—I Wasn't Lying When I Said I Love You; Midnight Blue.....Roy Smek & His Hawaiian Serenaders with Vocal Chorus.
Tangos—Jingle Bells; Twilight.....E. Bohr's Argentine Tango Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—To Mary, With Love; To You, Sweetheart.....Henry King & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Six-Eight—Andalusia; Comedy Waltz—I'm Popeye, The Sailorman (film 'Popeye, the Sailor').....Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.
Fox-Trots—Talking Through My Heart (film 'Big Broadcast of 1937'); You Came To My Rescue (film 'Big Broadcast of 1937').....Henry King & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Sea Shanties and Choruses.
Storm Along; Roll The Wood-Pile Down (arr. Harris); Nous Irons A Valparaiso (Pares & van Parys);

Sciucamunni Sta Lampa (arr. Favara); One More Day; On The Banks Of Sacramento (arr. Harris); A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry); John Goss (Baritone) & Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.
7.15 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.
Edward German Selection; With Eric Coates Thro' London—Knightsbridge to London Bridge; River Reveries.
7.30 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone) & Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Jollity On The Mountains—Waltz (Fetras); Viennese Singing Birds—Waltz (Translator).....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somervell); Passing By (Herrick & Purcell).....Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Roses From The South—Waltz (J. Strauss).....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
She Shall Have Music (Brandon & Murray); Just Me An' Mary (Parr & Murray).....Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Child, You Can Dance Like My Wife—Waltz ("Die Geschiedene Frau"—Fall); "Dollar Princess"—Waltz (Fall).....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Seven Days Sunshine". A Musical Cruise. With book and lyrics by Henrik Ege. Music by Norman Hackforth. Cast: Floyd Penrhyn; Sydney Keith; Claude Hulbert & Enid Trevor; Doris Gilmore; Renee Mayer; Davy Burnaby; Gordon Little; Wynne Ajello; Teddy Williams; Gilbert Bailey; The Carlyle Cousins; The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra conducted by Stanford Robinson.
9 p.m.—Scottish Programme.
My Ain Folk (Lemon, Mills)....Mary Kay (Contralto) with Piano.

'Seven Days Sunshine' B.B.C. Show

Annie Laurie (Trad.—arr. Batten); MacGregor's Gathering (Trad.—arr. Batten).....Heddie Nash (Tenor) & Male Quartette with Piano.
Roy's Wife O' Alldivalloch (arr. Gray); The Keel Row (arr. Gross).....Duet: Marie Thomson and Catherine Mentiplay with Piano.
Talisker, Strathspey; The Devil And The Dirk, Reel; Forbes Morrison; Strathspey; The Bride's Reel (Scott Skinner); The Strathspey King (Scott Skinner, arr. Hartley).....Florence MacBride (Violin) with Piano.
Comin' Thro' The Rye (Traditional); The Bonnie, Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomon' (Traditional).....Dora Labbette (Soprano) with Piano.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Scottish Programme Continued.
Sir Harry Lauder Songs—Vocal Gems.....The Border Singers with Orchestra.
Medley Of Scottish Airs.....Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (under the direction of Pipe-Major T. K. Marshall) and H. Dawson (Organ).
10.05 p.m.—Burns Night Dinner Speech. Mr. W. Kay introduces The Honourable The Colonial Secretary, Mr. N. L. Smith.
10.30 p.m.—Melodies of Robert Burns. Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
10.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Taint Good; Quickstep—I Can't Lose That Longing For You; Gerry Moore (Piano) in Strict Dance Tempo.
Waltz—Lovely Lady (film 'King of Burlesque'); Fox-Trot—Alone At A Table For Two.....The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus.
Slow Fox-Trot—I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (Film 'It's Love Again').....Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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♦ x x
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QUESTION NO. 12

Your partner, Merwin Maier, deals, and you hold:

♠ 2 3
♥ K x x
♦ A Q x x
♣ A x x

The bidding goes:

Maier Burnstine You Jacoby
1♠ Pass (1)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday).

TO-DAY'S HAND

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

Harold Colvin

♠ A 5
♥ J 9 7 6 3
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ J 7

Waldemar von Zedtwitz

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ 10
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 8 5

3 2

♠ 10 8 4
♥ Q 5
♦ A K J 10
♣ 7 3

10 4

♠ K J 9 3
♥ A K 3 4 2
♦ 5
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

	South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	3♦	
3♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	

We would like our readers to look just at the North hand and the bidding. Their first reaction will be: What a crazy bid Mr. Colvin's jump to five hearts was. On second glance, however, they may see the reasoning in back of this really brilliant bid. In the first place, Mr. Colvin's two-heart raise was just about normal. Then came the three-diamond bid by an opponent and South's bid of three spades. Now Mr. Colvin looked over his hand and said to himself: "First, the Ace of spades must be a terrifically important card. Secondly, my partner ought to be very short in diamonds, and hence is likely to have at least three clubs. My doubleton club accordingly is likely to be of value, particularly as there will be a chance to discard a club on my partner's spades. If I merely bid four hearts, my partner will probably drop the hand. I must try for the Slam."

As will be noted, Mr. von Zedtwitz contracted for the Slam, which was a laydown. But if Mr. Colvin had bid merely four hearts, the hand would have played at game only.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Things To Come", with Raymond Maisey, and Cedric Hardwicke. H. G. Wells prophetic film spectacle typical of to-day's events.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Little Tough Guy", with Helen Parrish, Jackie Searl and Robert Wilcox. The story is a simple powerful narrative about what happens to one family when tragedy strikes. It begins when the father is sent to jail on a murder charge, and follows the mother, son and daughter after they move to cheap quarters in a sordid section of the city.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"You're Only Young Once". When Judge Hardy goes on his overdue vacation, fishing, he finds himself launched on a sea of troubles that threaten to submerge his entire family until he hits on the appropriate remedy. With Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Mickey Rooney, Fay Holden, Frank Craven and Ann Rutherford.

AT THE KING'S—"Beg, Borrow Or Steal", with Frank Morgan, Florence Rice, John Beal, Janet Beecher, George

Givot, E. E. Clive, Tom Rutherford, Cora Witherspoon, Reginald Denny, Vladimir Sokoloff and Harlen Briggs. This story has for its central figure a lovable fakir, who gets himself into trouble when he has to supply a chateau on the Riviera for the wedding of his daughter who believes him wealthy. Surrounded by his crook friends, he manages to supply the chateau and get into plenty of trouble with it before his daughter shows she is a chip off the old block and marries the wrong man.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Touch Down Army", with John Howard, and Mary Carlisle. The story deals with Cummings, a cocky football coach who gets into the Military Academy through the political influence of his guardian. His self confidence has an unexpected effect on the West Pointers and on Miss Carlisle who turns a deaf ear to his advances.

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Can Gen. Miaja Repeat Miracle Of Madrid

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placed in position on the Prate de Llobregat airport.

The Nationalist front now runs from Tremp by way of Solsona, which has not yet fallen, Manresa and Barcelona. The capture of Manresa and Martorell in one day, had the effect of disorganising the enemy defence. — Trans-Ocean.

MOORS BREAK THROUGH

Lerida, To-day.

Fighting yesterday was heavy south of Manresa, in the steep Monserrat mountains, partially 1300 metres high.

In the coastal sector, the Moors of General Yague advanced with such speed that the mountain fortifications at Garrat, constructed by French specialists, were hardly defended.

It was from here that the Moors for the first time sighted Barcelona, lying in the plain behind the Llobregat River. And from these mountain positions, the artillery have at their mercy Fort Montjuich, protecting Barcelona harbour.

The Republicans are reported to have concentrated the International Brigade in the Llobregat sector, to prevent Yague's troops penetrating the southern suburbs of Barcelona. — Trans-Ocean.

DECISIVE PHASE

Burgos, To-day.

The Nationalist advance on

Barcelona entered its decisive phase yesterday.

During the morning, the Navarrese divisions pushed forward ten kilometres in the central sector between Igualada and Sabadell and then crossed Llobregat River which played an important part in the Republican defence system.

The first Navarrese division has reached the River Cardener.

In the coast sector, General Yague's troops captured Gava, 12 kilometres from Barcelona, and the airport at Prate de Llobregat. — Trans-Ocean.

CALL TO MIAJA

Paris, To-day.

The defence of Barcelona will be directed by the defender of Madrid, General Miaja, according to "Le Matin," which announces that General Miaja will arrive to-day by air.

The Government hopes he will repeat the miracle performed in 1937 when, at the last moment, he strengthened the defence lines around Madrid and prevented the Nationalists from taking the city. — Trans-Ocean.

MINISTRIES TRANSFER

Paris, To-day.

The Republican Ministries have been transferred to North Catalonia where they will be reopened either in Gerona or Figueras, according to latest reports from Barcelona. (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

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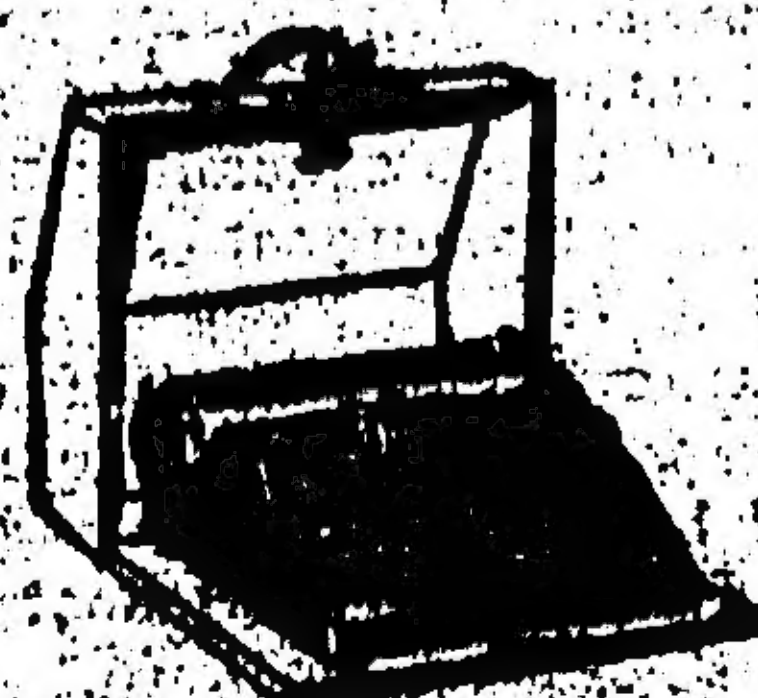
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